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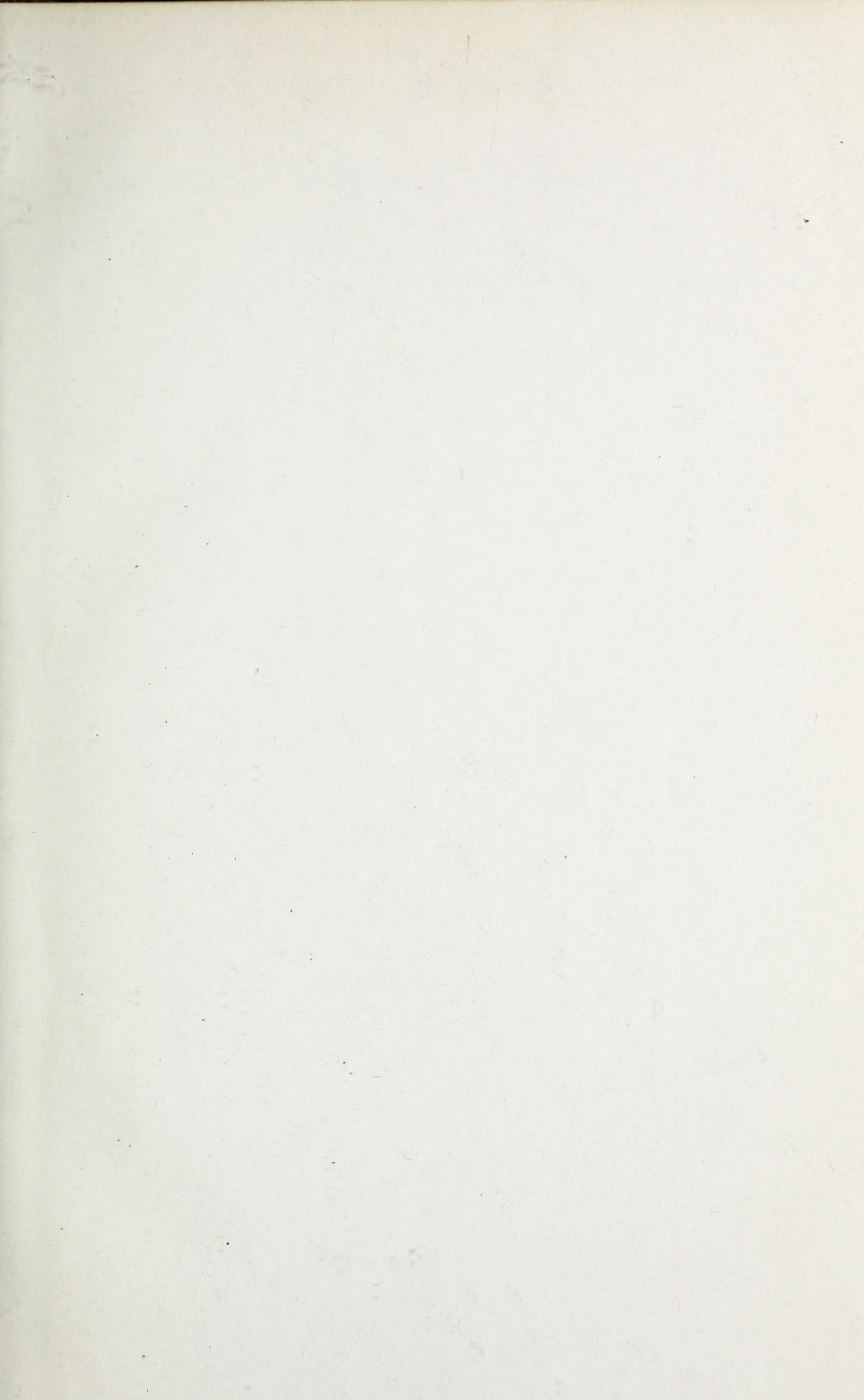


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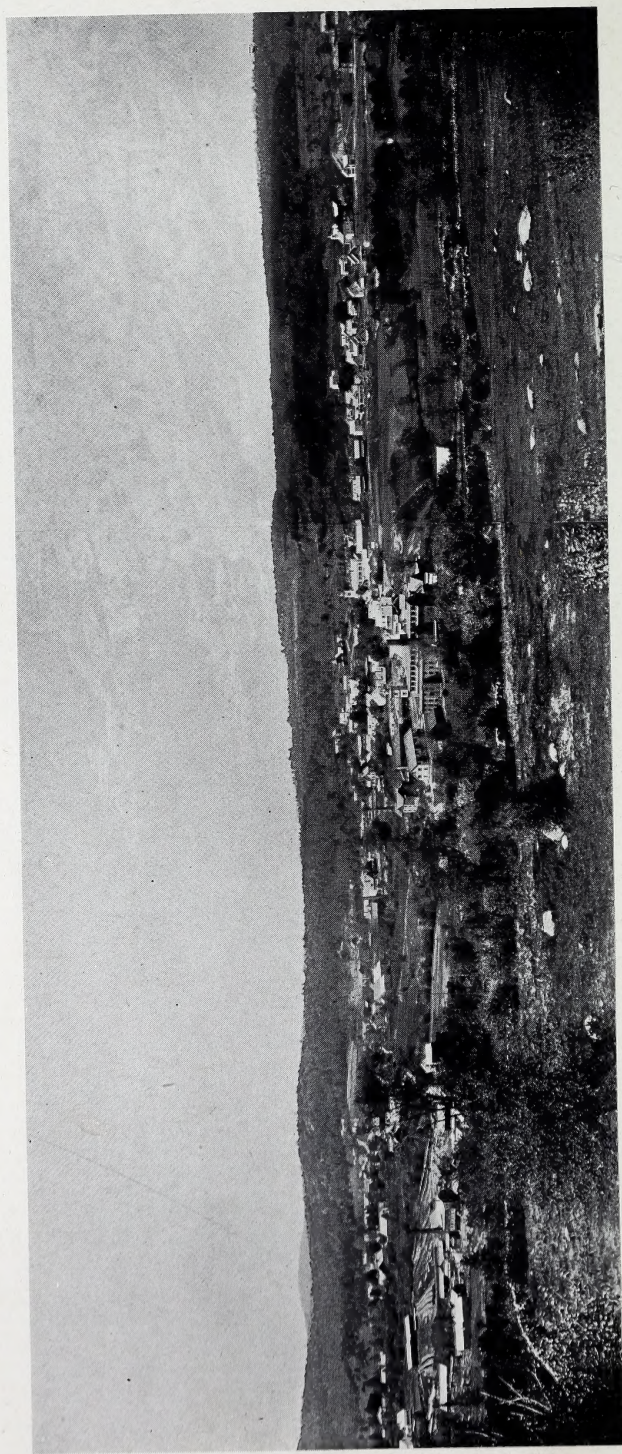
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VIEW OF TROY FROM NEAR W. E. PARKER'S.

HISTORICAL SKETCH  
OF THE  
TOWN OF TROY,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE,  
AND HER INHABITANTS

FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT OF THE TERRITORY  
NOW WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN IN

1764-1897.

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## PREFACE.

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The history of Troy as a distinct corporation covers a period of eighty-two years, but as the first settlements made were on territory which forms a part of this town, it becomes necessary in giving the early history of this region, to speak of men and measures more or less intimately connected with the history of the towns from whose territory Troy was taken.

Dr. A. M. Caverly collected the knowledge of the incidents occurring in the early history of this region, which was given a permanent form in the *History of Troy*, published in 1859, at the *Sentinel* office in Keene, and which forms the basis of the present work, making such changes as time and later researches have made necessary. Many of those who were the sole possessors of the information concerning the early history of Troy, passed from the stage of life soon after the publication of this history, which has preserved for future generations the traditions and incidents there given.

The work was done at a time when but little attention was given to matters of this kind; but more interest being taken in local history and ancestral connections, several individuals expressed a desire that the history should be revised and brought down to a later date, and Mr. Edwin Buttrick brought the question before the town at the town meeting in November, 1890, and Dr. M. T. Stone was chosen to compile and revise the history.

The knowledge of kindred and the genealogies of the families, both past and present, constitute a part of the

knowledge and history of the town, and form an interesting and instructive chapter, as it shows the enterprise and thrift, the activity and sagacity in business, the zeal in religious, educational and political matters, in moral and spiritual advancement and the material prosperity of the community.

The histories of Fitzwilliam and Marlborough having been published at a recent date, such extracts have been taken from them as has seemed best in order to make the subject more complete, and especially concerning the early history.

Two or three chapters have been given entire as written by Dr. Caverly, namely, upon grants of the land and those containing historical and traditionary matter.

Much time and labor has been spent in such fragments as could be spared from professional engagements, in collecting and arranging the additional matter, and it has been the object to make the record as accurate and faithful as possible, but errors will undoubtedly be noticed, and it is submitted to the public hoping that its readers may find much interest and pleasure in its perusal.

Thanks are returned to each and all who have so willingly assisted in any way in obtaining facts and bringing the work to completion.

Troy, N. H., September 25, 1897.

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# History of Troy.

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## CHAPTER I.

### GRANTS OF THE LAND.

INTRODUCTION.—MASON'S CLAIM.—GRANT OF THE TOWNSHIP.—CONDITIONS OF THE CHARTER.—MEETING OF THE PROPRIETORS.—TOWNSHIPS DIVIDED INTO LOTS.

The arrival of the "Mayflower," on the shores of Massachusetts in 1620, was no ordinary event. The Old World, in which society had existed under conditions as varied as its political divisions, had failed to produce a civil polity upon a basis sufficiently broad to meet the approbation of enlightened and liberal men. The strong disposition to embrace hereditary sentiments, with the fear of innovations upon established customs, rendered the attempt at the formation there of a new order of things, embracing important reforms, a hopeless task.

In the meantime light was gradually breaking in, and a few there were who were enabled thereby to see the imperfections in the prevailing social system, and its inability to raise men to that dignity, intellectually and morally, that answered the exalted end of their being. These few were impressed with the importance of a great national reform in religious matters. The religious character of England was arbitrary, invested by authority in the Church of England. Their movement was in favor of freedom in thought and worship. These few, so-called fanatics, were truly the nobility of the earth, but what could they hope with the tide of public opinion against

them? Institutions congenial to their feelings, and such as in their opinion would promote the highest interest of mankind, could only be formed by a united and devoted people, and that even upon foreign soil.

Such being the case, they resolved to forego the comforts of home, and to brave the hardships incident to distant colonial life, in order to inaugurate a form of government that should be the admiration of the world, and diffuse its blessings upon countless millions.

That was a noble resolution and one that converted a gloomy wilderness into a fruitful field, and rendered immortal such consecrated places as Plymouth, Lexington, Bunker Hill and Yorktown, and brought into being one of the most intelligent and powerful nations.

The spirit of the Puritans did not expend itself upon the limited territory a few miles around the point upon which they first set foot upon American soil, but accompanied with a strong Saxon energy, it has lived on, cumulative in its power, until it has permeated the whole country. In its progress it has levelled mountains, filled up valleys, turned the current of rivers, and covered arid wastes with flourishing towns and cities. The history of New England is but the record of the influence of that spirit which animated the breasts of such men as Robinson, Carver, Davenport and Brewster, men whose hearts were overflowing with love to God and good will to men.

The general outline of this history is familiar to nearly every one, and is found in all our standard works upon this subject; but there are incidents of a local nature that escape the observation of the general historian, and such as are full of interest to those living in the places where such incidents occurred.

An examination of the surface of the region embraced in the limits of the town of Troy, shows unmistakable

evidences of the existence of people that have long since gone to that bourne from which no traveler returns. As we look upon the excavations which abound in different parts of the town, and which once constituted the cellars of residences which echoed with the busy footsteps of those within whose breasts "the smiles of joy and the tears of woe, alternately triumphed;" as we look down into those neglected wells that once yielded the sparkling element to slake the thirst of the weary laborer, now only a retreat for the lizard and serpent, and as the eye runs along the old thoroughfares, now overgrown with bushes and almost or quite obliterated, but where a century ago might have been seen the panting steed, moving along, slowly, beneath a ponderous load of perhaps a husband and wife, we are forcibly reminded of the unceasing, and never ending change of all things earthly. It is vain to attempt to give a connected and accurate history of any locality a long series of years after the events to be recorded have taken place, and especially is this so when no authentic records have been kept from actual observation.

This was emphatically true of Troy forty years ago, when Dr. Caverly wrote the history which is the basis of the present work, the early settlement of which was effected beyond the recollection of men then living. Many of the records were entirely wanting, or at best, exceedingly meagre, and he was quite often obliged to rely upon uncertain tradition.

In this history it is necessary to go back some years previous to the existence of Troy as an incorporated town, and consequently to draw upon the history of those towns from whose territory Troy was taken.

In November, 1620, King James I. of England, by his sole authority, constituted a council composed of forty "knights, ladies and gentlemen," by the name of "The

Council established at Plymouth, in the County of Devon, for the planting, ruling and governing of New England in America." They were a corporation with perpetual succession by election of the majority, and were granted all the territory from the fortieth to the forty-eighth degree of northern latitude.

In 1622, two of the most active members of the council, Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Captain John Mason, obtained from their associates jointly, a grant of the territory which included all the land between the Merrimack and Kennebec rivers, and extending from the ocean back to the great rivers and lakes of Canada. This tract was called Laconia, and it included New Hampshire and all the western part of Maine.

They formed a company with several merchants of London and other cities, styling themselves "The Company of Laconia," and in the spring of the following year, they sent over two small divisions of emigrants who commenced settlements on the Piscataqua, one at the river's mouth which they called Little Harbor, and the other some eight miles further up the river on a neck of land which the Indians called Winnechannet, or Cocheco, afterwards called Dover.

From some unexplained reason the affairs of this council were transacted in a confused manner from the commencement, and the grants which they made were so inaccurately described and interfered so much with each other, as to occasion difficulties and controversies of a serious nature. Hence quarrels frequently arose about this territory, one party claiming it by virtue of a grant from a foreign monarch who held it by right of discovery; the other by purchase of the original owners and occupants.

Nov. 7, 1629, the Plymouth Council, "upon mature deliberation, thought fit for the better furnishing and



furtherance of the plantations in these parts, to appropriate and allot to several and particular persons divers parcels of land within the precincts of the aforesaid granted premises," and deeded to Mason, this very same territory, which was conveyed to Rev. John Wheelwright, by a deed dated 1629, and signed by four Indian Sagamores or Chiefs, for the consideration of a few coats, shirts and kettles, and which was afterward found to be a forgery.

This grant included the land west of the Piscataqua river and north of the Merrimack and extending back into the country sixty miles, which he, with the consent of the President and Council, named New Hampshire, from the County of Hampshire in England in which he had formerly resided.

After his grant had been confirmed to him, Mason was especially active in his efforts to hasten the settlement of his newly acquired possession. Being a mountainous region, it was thought it must abound in the precious metals, and this was one reason for his activity, as he was hoping to realize a princely fortune.

He spent years of toil and expended large sums of money, but his death, which occurred in December, 1635, put an end to all his projects and left his titles to his lands to be a source of litigation to his heirs for several generations.

"After this his widow and executrix sent over an agent to manage her interests at the Portsmouth plantation; but finding the expenses far exceeding the income, he abandoned the whole and gave up the improvements to the tenants."

The first heir named in Mason's will dying in infancy, the estate descended to Robert Tufton, grandson of Captain John Mason, who was not of age until 1650.

The extension of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts over New Hampshire could not fail to complicate matters still more, and no help could be expected unless the government of England should interfere, but as the family had always been attached to the royal cause, there could be no hope of relief during the protectorate of Cromwell, as the Massachusetts colony had always stood high in the favor of Parliament and Cromwell. Charles II. was restored to the throne, and immediately Tufton, who now took the name of Mason, applied to the King for redress, who referred the matter to his attorney general, who decided that Mason's claim to the Province of New Hampshire was good and legal.

For several years the country had been divided among numerous proprietors, and the various settlements had been governed separately by agents of the different proprietors, or by magistrates elected by the people, but in 1641 the people placed themselves under the protection of the Massachusetts colony.

Commissioners were sent over in 1641, to inquire into this as well as other matters; but their reception resulted in a report to the King unfavorable to the Massachusetts claims, and after their return, the government took no active measures for the relief of Mason, who became discouraged and joined with the heirs of Gorges in proposing an alienation of their respective rights in the Provinces of New Hampshire and Maine to the crown; but the Dutch wars and other foreign transactions prevented any determination concerning them till the country was involved in all the horrors of a general war with the natives.

Sept. 18, 1679, a commission passed the Great Seal of England, constituting a President and Council for the Province of New Hampshire to be appointed by the King, and a house of representatives to be chosen by the people.

The making of a province of New Hampshire was no doubt due to the claims of Mason, who could obtain no redress from the Massachusetts courts.

Early in the following year, Mason came from England empowered by the King to take a seat in the council. He soon endeavored to compel the people to take leases of him, but they had enjoyed possession of their lands for many years and his claims and demands for rent were resisted both by the people and officers of the government. They put every obstacle in the way and he could get but little satisfaction, and he soon left the council and returned to England. After this he made several unsuccessful attempts to compel the inhabitants to take their leases of him, and even commenced suits against several prominent men for holding lands and selling timber, and although judgment was obtained against the defendants, he could find no purchasers of the lands and so they were permitted to enjoy them as before, and in 1688, Mason died, a disappointed man, leaving two sons, John and Robert, heirs to the claim. They soon sold their claim for seven hundred and fifty pounds, or about forty-five hundred dollars, to Samuel Allen of London, who in attempting to enforce it met with no better success than his predecessors.

After the death of Allen, his son renewed the suit; but the court rendered a verdict against him, and he too, died without realizing his anticipations.

After the sale of the Province of New Hampshire to Allen, by John and Robert Mason, they returned to America. John died childless, but Robert married. He had hopes of invalidating the claim of Allen on account of some informality attending the purchase, but he died at Havana, in 1718, leaving two sons, John Tufton Mason, and Thomas Tufton Mason, as heirs to his claim.

Captain John Tomlinson, a merchant of London, and agent of New Hampshire in England, being informed of the nature of these transactions, entered into negotiations which resulted in his purchasing the Masonian claim in New Hampshire, in behalf of the Assembly of New Hampshire, upon the payment of one thousand pounds, New England currency. Governor Wentworth frequently called the attention of the Assembly to the matter, but that body failed to appropriate the necessary funds to complete the purchase, being engaged in what were considered to be weightier matters.

Here the matter rested for some two years, when the Assembly, thinking it would be for their interest to ratify the agreement made by Tomlinson, appointed a committee to complete the purchase. But they were too late, for Mason's heirs, becoming impatient, on the same day, Jan. 30, 1746, made a trade with certain gentlemen to dispose of his whole interest for fifteen hundred pounds currency, and thus Mason's claim, instead of being purchased by the Assembly, as would doubtless have been for the interest of the Province, passed into the hands of private individuals, to the no small regret of the people.

The purchasers were Theodore Atkinson, Richard Wibird, M. H. Wentworth, Samuel Moore, Jotham Odiorne, Joshua Pierce, Nathaniel Meserve, George Jaffrey, John Wentworth, Thomas Wallingford and Thomas Packer. Their act raised a storm of indignation, and being aware of the prejudices against them, took measures for conciliating the public mind by prudently filing at the recorder's office, a quitclaim deed to all towns which had been granted by New Hampshire authority, claiming only the unoccupied portions of the territory, which proved highly satisfactory to the people, and terminated the Masonian controversy, which had disturbed the peace of



the Province for twenty-five years. They freely granted townships to petitioners, often without fees and always without quit-rents. At this time the western boundary of New Hampshire was held to extend as far as the Connecticut river, and several towns had already been granted upon the river by Massachusetts before the establishment of the line.

The territory in the vicinity of Monadnock being still uninhabited except by wandering parties of Indians was included in the claim of Mason's proprietors. They soon found purchasers for the whole of this region, and it was accordingly divided into townships, to each of which was given the common name of Monadnock, but distinguished by different numbers. These townships were granted to different parties on condition that they should within a limited time, erect mills and meeting houses, clear out roads and settle ministers.

In every township they reserved one right for the first settled minister, another for a parsonage, and the third for a school. They also reserved fifteen rights for themselves and two for their attorneys, all of which were to be free from taxes until sold or occupied. Their names were as follows: Monadnock No. 1, or South Monadnock, included the greater part of the Massachusetts grant, called Rowley, Canada, and is now the town of Rindge. Monadnock No. 2, or Middle Monadnock, is now Jaffrey. Monadnock No. 3, or North Monadnock, was incorporated as Dublin, and included the present town of Dublin and more than half of Harrisville. Monadnock No. 4, or Stoddard town, was named Fitzwilliam at its incorporation, and included about one-half of what is now Troy. Monadnock No. 5, was called New Marlborough, and incorporated as Marlborough, and included a part of Roxbury, and some less than one-half

of Troy. Monadnock No. 6, was named Packersfield at its incorporation and changed to Nelson in 1814, and included the present town of Nelson and a part of Harrisville. Monadnock No. 7, was called Limerick till its incorporation, when it was named Stoddard. Monadnock No. 8, was called Camden, till Dec. 13, 1776, when it was incorporated and named Washington. Perhaps this was the first place to be named for the "Father of his Country."

Monadnock No. 4, was granted by the Masonian proprietors through their agent, John Blanchard, to Roland Cotton and forty-one others, among whom may be mentioned Josiah Cotton, Matthew Thornton, Sampson Stoddard, Thomas Read, William Lawrence and John Stevens, on January 15, 1752, on conditions similar to those named, but this grant became void because of the non-fulfilment of the conditions.

Business had been disturbed by the war between England and France which ended in 1748, and a new struggle between the same nations was just commencing, which proved to be "the Seven Years War," or the "French and Indian War," as it was called, which was disastrous to the settlement of a new township like this.

But though they failed to comply with the conditions of their contract, Cotton and his associates did not lose their interest in the township, for an amicable settlement was made and a new grant given early in 1765, and many of the grantees of 1752 were grantees under the new contract; for in this their hardships are alluded to and are treated with due consideration, and the second list doubtless included all of the first who had done anything in the way of improvement and wished to be included in the new company, and included the following:

Sampson Stoddard,  
Matthew Thornton,

Paul March,  
Jonathan Blanchard,

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Nathaniel Brooks,       | James Reed,            |
| John Honey,             | Jonathan Willson,      |
| William Earl Treadwell, | Jacob Treadwell, Jr.,  |
| Edmund Grouard,         | Thomas Spaulding,      |
| Abel Lawrence,          | Jonathan Lovewell,     |
| George Libbey,          | John Woods,            |
| Benjamin Edwards,       | Charles Treadwell,     |
| Nathaniel Treadwell,    | Sampson Stoddard, Jr., |
| Daniel Mellen,          | Benjamin Bellows,      |
| John Stevens,           | Jeremiah Libbey.       |

The grant was given upon the following conditions:

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to them and to their Several and Respective heirs and assigns in Severalty as the same has been Divided into Separate lots and as the said Lots are Numbered and Set to the Respective Names in Said Schedule on the following Terms, Conditions and Limitations.

FIRST that twenty of the Shares as the same are Sever'd allotted and Divided Numbered and fixed to the Several Names in Said Schedule be and hereby is Reserved to the use of the Grantors their heirs and assigns free and Exempted of and from all charges of settlement and all Other charges until Improved by them their heirs or assigns—and also that two hundred acres Lay'd out for the Grantors at the North Easterly part of said tract of land as appears by Said Schedule and a plan thereof be in like manner Reserved to them their heirs & assigns.

SECONDLY, that those of the Aforesaid Shares be and hereby appropriated one for the first Settled minister one for the use of the Ministry and one for the use of a school on Said Tract of Land when Settled.

THIRDLY that the Remaining Shares be and hereby are Granted and appropriated to the Several Persons and Sever'd to them Respectively as is mentioned and Numbered in Said Schedule; And Each lot of Land in Said Tract shall be Subject to have Necessary high Ways Lay'd out thro them as there shall be Occasion hereafter free from the charge of purchasing the Land that is the Owners of Said Lots shall not be paid for that part thereof which shall be so Necessariaily Lay'd out in high Ways untill an Incorporation and then to come under the Rules of Law in that Regard.

FOURTHLY that the Grantees aforesaid (subject to the duty of Settlement) Build fifty houses on Said Tract of Land Such Shares to have one house on One of the Lots belonging to it Respectively as the Grantees shall determine by regular Votes according to their Interests within

three years from the Date hereof Each House to be Built so as to have one Room Sixteen feet Square or Equal thereto and also to have Twelve acres Land cleared and fitted for Tillage Pasture and Mowing within the term of three Years and to add an acre more annually till the Inhabitants there Shall be Incorporated, (on each Share) the said houses to be Well fitted and made Comfortable habitations and the Said Land to be cleared in a good Husbandlike manner and every Particular Grantee aforesaid shall pay his Due Proportion of all Taxes and Charges necessary to the Making Said Settlement in the articles aforesaid and in what follows on Pain of forfeiting his Right in Said Land or so much thereof as shall answer his proportion of such Taxes and Charges to be disposed of by a Committee chosen by a major part of the Grantees appointed for that purpose.

FIFTHLY the said Grantees shall build a Convenient Meeting House for Public Worship within five years from the Date hereof and shall Maintain Constant preaching there from after the Term of six years from the Date hereof.

SIXTHLY all the white pine Trees Growing on any part of said Land tho' sevr'd into Lots are hereby Reserved that are fit for his MAJESTY'S use for that purpose to him his heirs and successors.

SEVENTHLY if the Grantees shall fail and make default of Completing the Settlement according to the Terms and Limitations aforesaid it shall be lawful to and for the said Proprietors and their successors to Re-enter into and upon the Said Tract of Land to Resume the same and to become Re-seized thereof as in their former Estate and as if this grant had not been made.

Copy of Record.

Attest: GEO. JAFFREY, Prop. Cler.

Received and Recorded this 22d day of May, 1765.

Exam.

SAMPSON STODDARD, JR.

Pros. Clerk.

It is not known when or where the first meeting of the proprietors was held, or when the township was surveyed and divided into lots, but was probably done at an early period after the reception of the charter, and the lots drawn according to the common custom of the time. Each lot was supposed to contain one hundred acres, but there was considerable variation in their size, and they



exceeded one hundred acres on an average. According to the terms of the grant by the Masonian Proprietors, each of them, twenty-one in number, had one share or two lots, though some of these men appear with partners at the drawing and selection, as Grantor Tomlinson and Mason. The following will show the proprietors of that part of the township, now within the limits of Troy, as settled by the draught, with the number and range of the lot of each.

| Proprietors' Names.          | Range. | No. | Range. | No. | Range. | No. | Range. | No. | Range. | No. |
|------------------------------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| Sampson Stoddard,            | 5      | 21  | 6      | 21  | 7      | 18  | 8      | 18  | 9      | 20  |
| Sampson Stoddard,            | 10     | 20  | 6      | 22  | 7      | 19  | 8      | 20  | 9      | 21  |
| Sampson Stoddard,            | 10     | 21  | 6      | 23  | 7      | 20  | 8      | 22  | 12     | 16  |
| Sampson Stoddard,            | 10     | 22  | 11     | 17  | 7      | 21  | 8      | 23  | 12     | 19  |
| Sampson Stoddard,            | 10     | 23  | 11     | 21  | 7      | 22  |        |     | 12     | 22  |
| Sampson Stoddard,            | 11     | 22  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Heirs of J. Libbey,          | 4      | 21  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Matthew Thornton,            | 4      | 22  | 5      | 23  |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Abel Lawrence,               | 4      | 23  | 12     | 18  | 11     | 20  |        |     |        |     |
| John Moffatt,                | 5      | 22  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| John Woods,                  | 7      | 23  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Jonathan Odiorne,            | 8      | 19  | 10     | 19  |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Jonathan Willson,            | 8      | 21  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| John Stevens,                | 9      | 18  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| James Reed,                  | 9      | 19  | 12     | 23  |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Daniel Mellen,               | 9      | 22  | 9      | 23  |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Noah Emery,                  | 10     | 17  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Grantor Tomlinson and Mason, | 10     | 18  | 11     | 18  |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Charles Treadwell,           | 11     | 16  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Richard Wibird,              | 11     | 19  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Peine & Moore,               | 11     | 23  | 12     | 23  |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Nathaniel Treadwell,         | 12     | 17  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |
| Paul & March,                | 12     | 20  |        |     |        |     |        |     |        |     |

The new owners soon took measures to perfect their organization as a new company and to open up their township to settlement, and issued the following call for a meeting, signed by sixteen of the grantees who now took the name of proprietors.

WHEREAS the Proprietors of the Lands granted by John Tufton Mason Esqr. commonly called Mason's Patent, have lately granted to us (with some few others) a Tract of Land about six Miles Square as may appear by the Grant, with the conditions of settlement and in order to the Carrying on the same with Effect it is Necessary some method should be pursued by General Consent by the Grantees for which and it is proposed that they shall meet at the dwelling house of Thomas Harwood, in Dunstable, on Monday the 20th day of May Instant at Twelve O'clock at noon, then and there when met to Chuse a Clerk for the Grantees and to act on any other matter or thing that shall then be projected being necessary for Carrying forward and Completing the Settlement aforesaid. William Earle Treadwell, Benja. Edwards, Paul March, Jacob Treadwell, Jun., Charles Treadwell, Sampson Stoddard, Matthew Thornton, Jacob Treadwell, Jun., for Edmund Grouard, Nathl Treadwell, Jonathan Blanchard, Thomas Spaulding, Sampson Stoddard, Jun., Nathl Brooks, Abel Lawrence, Daniel Mellen, James Reed.

A True Copy of the Original.

Examd per SAMPSON STODDARD, JUN.

They met agreeably to the notice and took action as follows:

At a meeting of the Proprs the Grantees of that Tract of Land called Monadnock No. 4 in the Province of New Hampshire Granted by the Purchasers of Mason's right so-called held at the house of Thomas Harwood in Dunstable on Monday the 20th day of May 1765.

1st. Col. Sampson Stoddard unanimously chosen Moderator.

2. Chose Sampson Stoddard Jun. Clerk for the Grantees.

3. Then the following meathod for Calling meetings for the future was agreed upon and Voted that upon application of the Owners of Ten Original Shares made in writing to the Clerk (for the time being) insert therein the Several matters and things Desired to be acted upon, he shall and is hereby authorized and Impowered to call such a Meeting or meetings Posting proper Notifications at some place in Dunstable in New Hampshire and at some public place in Chelmsford at least fourteen Days Before hand and all meetings so posted and held accordingly shall be good and Valid. Then this meeting was dismissed.

May 20, 1765.

Attest SAMPSON STODDARD Modr.

A true copy of the Original Examd per SAMPSON STODDARD JUN.

Props Clerk.

The next meeting of the proprietors was called by

Sampson Stoddard, Junior, Clerk, to be held at the house of Capt. Oliver Barron, Innholder, in Chelmsford, on Monday, August 19th, 1765, then and there when met to act upon the following articles as they shall judge proper.

1st. To see who of the Grantees shall make the Fifty Settlements enjoined by grant and to act thereon as shall Be agreed on.

2d. To raise Money by a tax for any use for carrying forward and completing the settlement of the Township.

3dly. To see if the Grantees will give any Encouragement Towards Building Mills in said Township and to do and act as they shall deem proper.

4th. To Chose a Committee to Receive Examine and Allow all Accounts of any Person or Persons who have done Service for the Proprs or paid money for Cutting or Clearing Rodes, and to do and act in that regard as they shall think proper.

5th. To Chuse a Treasurer and Collector.

6thly. To Chuse a Committee to lay out Rodes &c.

Dated at Chelmsford the 27th day of July 1765.

A true Copy of the Original Notification made Out by me in Consequence of an application for that Purpose on file, and posted the time required.

Examd per SAMPSON STODDARD JUN.

Props Clerk.

The following is a record of the meeting:

At a meeting of the Grantees of the Tract of Land Laying in the Province of New Hampre called Monadnock No. four holden at the house of Capt. Oliver Barron, Innholder in Chelmsford on Monday the 19th day of August 1765.

Chose Col. Stoddard, Modr.

Whereas the Grantees are Injoined by grant of said Township to build fifty houses and make them comfortable habitations on said Tract of Land and such shares to build as the Grantees shall determine and also to have twelve acres of Land Cleared and fitted for Tillage Pasturing and Mowing and to add an acre more annually (till an Incorporation) on each subject to the duty of settlement.

Therefore Voted that the said settlements be done and performed by the following Grantees and in proportion hereinafter declared, Namely Col. Stoddard eighteen, Edmund Grouard two, Jacob Treadwell junior one, Jonathan Lovewell one, Benjamin Bellows two, Matthew Thornton three, Nathl Brooks one, Thomas Spaulding one, John Honey one, Nathl Treadwell one, Abel Lawrence three, Paul March one, James Reed four,

heirs of George Libbey one, Charles Treadwell one, John Stevens one, Daniel Mellen one, Jonathan Blanchard one, Jonathan Willson two, John Woods one, Sampson Stoddard jun. one, Benjamin Edwards one, and the heirs of Jerah Libbey one, by building and Clearing in such way and manner as to fulfill the Grant.

2dly. Voted that the sum of five Dollars on each share, two lots to a share be assessed and Immediately Collected by the Treasurer of this Property to answer and Pay the Necessary Charges and Expenses already arisen and arising in Bringing forward the settlement of said Township.

3dly. And whereas the speedy settlement of said Township Depends much upon having a Good saw Mill Built there soon as may be. Voted that in consideration of Col. Stoddard's conveying to Mr. Daniel Millen two lots of Land then having a Mill place on em for encouragement of his undertaking the arduous Task of Building and Keeping a saw mill in repair to be fit to go, within fourteen months that said Stoddard be Intitled to Draw out of the Treasury Twenty pounds Lawful money and that sum to be in full for the said two lots of Land.

4thly. Voted that Col. Stoddard and Mr. Sampson Stoddard Jr. be a Committee to Receive, Examine and allow all accounts of any person or Persons who have done service for the Props and that upon their order to the Treasurer he is Directed to pay the Same accordingly.

5thly. Voted that Jonathan Blanchard be Treasurer to this Property and Collector of the several Rates and Taxes that is or shall be raised untill the Proptly order the contrary.

6th. Voted that Messrs. Daniel Millen, James Reed, and Benjamin Bigelow be a Committee or the major Part of them to Mark, Lay out and clere all necessary Rodes in said Township rendering their accounts to acceptance untill the Props order the contrary. Then the Meeting was Dismissed.

Attest, SAMPSON STODDARD

Mod:

A true copy Examd

per SAMPSON STODDARD, JUN.

P. C.

Monadnock No. 5, or Marlborough, was granted the 20th day of May 1752, and was estimated to comprise twenty thousand acres. The following is a copy of the Masonian charter.



## PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Pursuant to the Power and Authority Granted and Vested In me the subscriber by the Proprietors of Land, Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr. in the Province of New Hampe by their Vote Passed at their Meeting held at Portsmouth in said Province the 6th day of December 1751.

I do By these Presents on the Terms and Limitation hereinafter Express'd Give and Grant all the right Possession and Property of the Propr aforesaid unto James Morrison Junr. Archibald Dunlap, Robert Clark, James Lyons, Robert Allen, Andrew Armer, Halbert Morrison, Samuel Morrison, John Morrison, Thomas Morrison, Willim Gilmer, John Gilmer, Samuel Allison, Samuel Allison, Junr. James Willson, Junr. John Willson, Robert Willson, Thomas Willson, Samuel Willson, Samuel Steel, James Moore, John Warson, John Cochran, Isaac Cochran, Thomas Cochran, Samuel Cochran, Hugh Montgomery, Henry Neal, John Moore, Samuel Mitchel, Thomas McClary, three Shares Each and to James Willson Senr one Share—of In and To That Tract of Land or Township call'd Monadnock number five—Situate in the Province of New Hampe Containing by Estimation twenty thousand Acres Bounded as followeth,—

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Township Calld North Monadnock No. three and Runs from thence—North Eighty Degrees West three Miles and a half to a Beach Tree on West Line of Mason's Patent and from thence Southerly in that Line Seven Miles three quarters & forty Rods To the North West Corner of the Township Calld Monadnock No. four, from thence—South Eighty Degrees East about Four Miles by the North Line of said No. four till it Come to the West Line of Monadnock No. two and No. three To the first Bounds mentioned.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD TO them their heirs and assigns on the following Terms Conditions and Limitations that is To Say that within Nine Months from this Date there be One hundred & Twenty three fifty Acre Lotts Lay'd out as Near the Middle the Township In the Best of the Upland as Conveniency Will Admit & Drawn for and that the Remainder of the Township be Divided Into One hundred & Twenty three Shares not Exceeding two Lotts to a share In Such Quantity as the Grantees Agree upon each Lott & Drawn for within two Years from this Date.

THAT three of the aforesaid Shares be Granted and appropriated free of all Charge One for the first Settled minister one for the Ministry & one for the School those forever One lott for Each Said Share to be Laid

Out Near the middle of the Town & Lotts Coupled to them So as to Make them Equal with the Rest.

THAT the owners of the Other Rights make Settlement at their Own Expense in the following manner Viz. all the Lotts to be Lay'd out at the Grantees Expense.

THAT all the Lotts in Said Town be Subject to have all Necessary Rodes Lay'd out thro' them as there shall be Ocassion free from Charge for the Land.

THAT at or Before the Last Day of December 1754, there be three Acres Clered Enclosed and fitted for mowing or Tillage on thirty of the aforementioned Grantees Shares Viz. on one Share of Each of the aforementioned Grantees excepting Hugh Montgomery, James Moore & Samuel Steel and from thence annually, one more in Like Manner for five years and that Each of the Grantees have a house Built on Some One Lott in said Township of a Room Sixteen feet Square at the Least Besides the Chimney Way with a Chimney & Cellar fit for Comfortable Dwelling therein. In Six Years from the Date hereof and Some Person Inhabiting and Resident In Each house and to Continue Inhabitancy there for four Years then Next Coming and that Within the Term of twelve Years from this Date there be Seventeen Lotts more viz. one of the Rights of James Morrison, Robert Clark, James Lyons, Robert Allen, Andrew Armer, Halbert Morrison, David Morrison, Samuel Morrison, John Morrison, Thomas Morrison, William Gilmore, John Gilmore, Samuel Allison, James Willson, John Willson, John Willson, Robert Willson, James Willson, Jun. have In Like manner five Acres of Land Cler'd Enclosed & fitted as aforesaid Over & above What they are to Do as aforesaid & Each a house in manner aforesaid & some Person Inhabiting therein and Continuing Inhabitancy for three Years afterwards there.

THAT a Convenient Meeting house be Built In Said Township within ten Years from this Date and Finished as Near the Center of the township as Conveniency will Admit of to be Determined by a Major Vote of Grantors and Grantees & Ten Acres of Land Reserved there for Public Use.

THAT the aforesaid Grantees or their Assigns Grant & Assess any Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think necessary for Carrying forward & Completing the Settlemt aforesaid & any of the Grantees Exclusive of the three public Lotts aforesaid Who Shall Neglect for the Space of three Months Next After Such Assessment Shall be Granted & made to pay the Same So much of Said Delinquents Rights Respectively Shall & may be Sold as Will Pay the Tax & all Charges arising thereon by a Committee of the Grantees appointed for that Purpose.

THAT all White Pine Trees fit for Masting his Majestys Royal Navy be & hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever. And in case any of the Grantees Shall Neglect & Refuse to Perform any of the Articles aforementioned by him Respectively to be Done he Shall forfeit his Share and Right In Said Township, & Every part & parcel thereof to those of the Grantees Who are not Delinquent in the Conditions on their part Respectively to be Done and it Shall & may be Lawful for them or any Person by their Authority to Enter Into & upon Such Delinquents Right & him or them Utterly to Amove, Oust Expell for the Use of them their heirs and assigns Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Such Delinquents Right within the Term of one Year at the farthest from the Period that is by this Grant Stipulated as the Conditions thereof and fully Comply with the Conditions Such Delinqts Ought to have Done within One Year from the Time after the Respective Periods thereof and in Case the Said Grantees fulfilling as aforesaid of any Delinquent Owner nor he himself Perform it that then Such Share or Shares be forfeit Revert & Belong to the Grantors their heirs & Assigns & to be Wholly at their Disposal always Provided there be no Indian Warr in any of the Terms Limited as aforesaid for doing duty Conditional in this Grant to be Done & In Case that should happen the same time to be allowed after such Impediment shall be Removed.

LASTLY the Grantors Do hereby Promise To the said Grantees their heirs & Assigns to Defend thro' the Law to King & Council if Need be one Action that Shall & may be Bro't against them by any Person or Persons Whatsoever Claiming the Said Land or Any Part thereof by any Other Title than that of the Said Grantors or that by Which they hold & Derive theirs from Provided the Said Grantors are avouched In to Defend the Same and in Case on final Tryel the Same Shall be Recovered over Against the Grantors for the Said Lands Improvements or Expenses in Bringing forward the settlements.

To all Which Premises I Joseph Blanchard Agent for & in Behalf of the Grantors have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 20th Day of May in the 25th Year of his Majestys Reign Annoque Domine 1752.

JOSEPH BLANCHARD. [Seal.]

Most of the grantees, now more properly called Proprietors, were residents of other places, mostly Londonderry and Dunstable, and probably never intended to take up their residence here, but expected to realize something

from selling the land to those wishing to become settlers; but it seems no immediate effort was made to bring forward the settlement of the township, for no record of the proceedings of the Proprietors appears for over nine years.



VIEW OF COMMONS, LOOKING SOUTH FROM NEAR TOWN HALL.

If any efforts were made they were probably suspended by the French and Indian war which broke out in 1753, and was no doubt the cause of the non-fulfillment of the conditions of the charter. This war caused great consternation throughout all the settled portion of New England, and it was the course of the Indians, upon the renewal of a war between the French and English, to commence their hostilities upon the frontier settlements.

In August, 1754, a party of Indians surprised the family of James Johnson of Charlestown, and captured the whole number consisting of eight persons and led them prisoners to Canada. The very next day Mrs. Johnson was delivered of a daughter, and the Indians had the humanity to halt on her account and construct a litter on which they carried the mother and daughter through the vast wilderness surrounding the Green Mountains.



In 1755, small parties of Indians repeated their unwelcome visits to this section, and Benjamin Twitchell was captured at Keene, and several persons killed at Walpole and Hinsdale. The accounts of these atrocities spread with great rapidity throughout the settlements, and often exaggerated, causing a general feeling of insecurity, which prevailed to such an extent that no progress could be made toward settling new townships.

In 1761, the grantees transferred their interest in the township to the following individuals residing in the towns of Marlborough and Marlborough, Mass.: David Church, William Eager, Richard Tozer, Charles Biglo, Jacob Felton, Abraham How, Jr., William Barker, Jonathan Green, Jonathan Bond, John Taylor, William Babcock, Silas Gates, Ebenezer Dexter, Benjamin How, Jonathan Blanchard, Adonijah How, Elezeaz How, Noah Church, Isaac McAllister, Silas Wheeler, Joseph Biglo, Daniel Harrington, John Woods, Stephen How, Jessie Rice, Manning Sawin, Daniel Goodenow, Ebenezer Joslin. Of this number but four became actual settlers, only one settling within what is now Troy. The others sold their interest to such individuals as would promise to settle thereon. Many of them were men of distinction in the places in which they resided.

In the *New Hampshire Gazette* for Friday, Nov. 20th, 1761, appeared the following notice:

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Whereas application hath this Day been made to me ye Subscriber by ye owners of more than one 16th part of the shares Rights or Interests of the whole of that tract or Township, called Monadnock No. 5,—in said Province Desiring me to Notify & call a Meeting of the Propts of said Tract of Land.

This is therefore to Notify & Warn all the Proprietors of the common and individual Lands of the sd Tract or Township called Monadnock No. 5, aforesaid, To assemble & meet at ye House of Colo. Williams,

Innholder In Marlborough in the County of Middlesex on the Tenth Day of December Next at Ten o'clock in the Morning in order to act and vote on the following articles, viz. 1. To Chose a Propts Clerk. 2dly. A propts Treasurer. 3. Assessors. 4. A Proprietors Collector. 5thly. To see if the Propts will agree to allot out the said Township or any part thereof and raise Money by a Tax or other wise for that End or any other, to carry on any Public Matter or thing necessary to Bring forward the settlement of said Township. 6th. To agree on some Measure for calling Proprietors Meetings for the Future.

November 10th, 1761.

JOSEPH BLANCHARD, Jus. Peace.

The Proprietors assembled at the time and place appointed, and the following is from the records of the meeting:

1st. Made Choice of Noah Church, Moderator.

2dly. Ebenzr Dexter Propts Clerk.

3dly. Jessie Rice Propts Treasurer.

4thly. Noah Church,

Jacob Felton, Assessors.

Ebenzr Dexter,

5thly. Stephen How Propts Collector.

The meeting was then adjourned until the 30th day of April, 1762; then to meet at the house of Jonathan Warren, innholder in Marlborough, in order to act upon the remainder of the articles in the notification aforesaid. At this adjourned meeting the Proprietors voted to lay out the whole township into one hundred acre lots before the 20th day of the next June.

Dr. Bond, Capt. Joseph Biglo, Mr. Daniel Harrington and Lieut. Silas Gates were chosen a committee to carry this into effect; proper persons to be employed by them, and a plan thereof returned to the Proprietors at the next meeting, the expense to be paid by the propriety, and to meet the expense it was voted to raise five dollars on each proprietor's right. This meeting was then adjourned to the 30th day of June, to meet at the house of Capt. Bezaleel Eager, innholder in Westborough, to hear the

report of the committee and draw the lots. At this meeting the committee for lotting out the town reported that they were not ready for the drawing the lots, "by reason of ye whole of the above said Tract of Land not being allotted out;" and the meeting was further adjourned to meet on the second Wednesday in October at the house of Col. Williams, innholder in Marlborough.

At this meeting, Dr. Bond, Daniel Harrington, Capt. Rice, Capt. Joseph Biglo, and Noah Brooks were chosen a committee to couple the lots for drawing and fixing upon a method for calling Proprietors' meetings, which was as follows: "Upon application of the owners of five original Rights made to the Clerk in writing inserting the articles to be acted upon, he shall thereupon Make out a notification Warning all ye Propts at such time and place as they shall appoint, and he shall post up Two Notifications Viz: one in Westborough at some Public Place 14 Days before said Meeting, and all Meetings so Posted & Held shall be good & Valid." The drawing of the lots took place on Nov. 22, 1762, at the house of Abraham Williams in Marlborough, when each proprietor had a particular part of the township assigned to him.

Who were all the proprietors of that portion of the territory which now comes within the limits of Troy does not readily appear, but it is known that among the number were William Barker, Jacob Felton, Silas Wheeler and Daniel Harrington.

It will be perceived in this history of the settlement of these townships, or that part of them which comes within the present limits of this town, that but few of the grantees became actual settlers in either of them. A majority of them lived either in Massachusetts or the eastern part of New Hampshire, and probably never intended to establish their residence upon land here of which they obtained

a grant. Many of them were prominent and influential men in the communities in which they lived, and oftentimes holding positions of trust and responsibility which they did not care to relinquish. Doubtless they some time expected to realize some adequate return for their outlay and appeared to have well understood what would most enhance their value, for they sought to make them comfortable and agreeable homes, and took such steps as would be most conducive in very early establishing a permanent Christian ministry, thereby having the influence of religious institutions constantly present.



## CHAPTER II.

### EARLY SETTLERS.

EARLY SETTLERS FROM 1764 TO 1780.—WILLIAM BARKER.—SILAS FIFE.—THOMAS TOLMAN.—PHINEAS FARRAR.—COL. RICHARD ROBERTS.—JAMES BREWER.—JOHN FARRAR.—CALEB WINCH.—JONATHAN SHAW.—JONAH HARRINGTON.—DAVID WHEELER.—EZEKIEL MIXER.—BENJAMIN TOLMAN.—JACOB NOURSE.—MOSES KENNEY.—HENRY MORSE.—DANIEL LAWRENCE.—DANIEL CUTTING.—JOSEPH CUTTING.—REUBEN WARD.—ICHABOD SHAW.—PETER STARKEY.—JOHN STARKEY.—BENJAMIN STARKEY.—JOSEPH STARKEY.—ENOCH STARKEY.—JONATHAN LAWRENCE.—JOSHUA HARRINGTON.—DUNCAN CAMERON.—JOHN BRUCE.—THOMAS CLARK.—AGABUS BISHOP.—ABNER HASKELL.—JOSEPH FORRISTALL.—GODDING FAMILY.—ALEXANDER PARKMAN.—JOSEPH NOURSE.—DANIEL FARRAR.

It will be seen that the first settlements in these townships were made at nearly the same time. Monadnock No. 4 was first settled by John Fassett, Daniel Millen, James Reed, Benjamin Bigelow and others, the three latter being the "fathers of the town," for no others probably were equally efficient in labor and sacrifice for promoting its prosperity.

The first settlements made in Monadnock No. 5 were made by Isaac McAllester, William Barker, Abel Woodward, Benjamin Tucker and Daniel Goodenough. A peculiar interest attaches to those who first became settlers in any town or place, in that we naturally desire to know who they were, where they came from, and how they fared. As to the general character of these first settlers, it may be said that they were industrious, energetic, frugal, kind, considerate, ready for hard labor, and willing to make large sacrifices for the comfort and welfare of their families and of society at large.

There were doubtless some worthless persons and shiftless families among them, for such will always find their way to a new settlement, but the majority of the men and women who founded these homes and established the social, civil and religious institutions upon these hills and along these streams, were persons of genuine worth and fit to be the pioneers in so great and important an enterprise.

They came expecting hard work, a life of toil with many privations, but after all much comfort in laying good foundations and witnessing substantial progress made. In general they were law abiding and ready to frown upon any vice, whoever might be guilty of it, for they brought with them not a few of the strongest and best elements of their Puritan character.

The home training of their childhood and youth had been passed under the best moral and religious influence, and they aimed to transplant and cherish the same in the place of their adoption, as their history conclusively proves. As to the age of the first settlers, the majority of them were young rather than old. A few there were with gray hairs and showing mark of life's struggle, whose families were already established and their children grown to maturity and fully prepared, both intellectually and physically, to take an active part in maintaining the interests and welfare of their new home, but these were the exceptions rather than the rule, for the records of deaths of the the pioneers in these settlements show that they were from twenty-five to forty years of age, and of course in the full vigor of their manhood and womanhood, while the fact that some were older served to qualify the energy with a larger share of wisdom and discretion. In the matter of education and general intelligence, it may be said that they were fully equal to the neighbors they left behind

in the older settlements. At that time the school training was not the best, books were few and not easily obtained, and the newspaper of the present day was almost unknown; and therefore, judged by modern standards, the learning of these laborious and hard working families could not be very great.

The first settlement to be made on land now within the limits of Troy, was made by William Barker, supposed to have been a native of Westborough, Mass. He was one of the original proprietors of Monadnock No. 5, or Marlborough, and had drawn several lots in the division, and perhaps because of this financial interest he was led to explore this region, which he did in 1761, and selected a location on West Hill with a view of making it his future residence. He made but a short stop and the next year returned, bringing with him tools to make a clearing for his house, and provisions for a limited time, and it is supposed he felled the first trees and built the first camp in this then wild land, which must have been a lonely experience, but the hope and promise of a new land caused him to endure and persevere alone by day and night.

His supply of provisions becoming exhausted, he retraced his steps homeward, having made a beginning for a permanent settlement. He returned in the spring of 1764, enlarged his clearing, constructed a log house, and prepared the way for the removal of his family. Early in the following fall, with his wife and three small children, they bid adieu to their many neighbors and friends and started upon their long and trying journey. Their mode of conveyance was an ox team, which at that time was a first-class method of traveling. Their progress was slow, as the roads were in poor condition, but they easily reached Winchendon, from which there was no road; and they had to get on the best they could through the forest by

following the direction of marked trees, and with their load and method of traveling, this part of their journey was extremely difficult; and just how long it took them to make this distance of less than twenty miles, we have no record to show, but after much toil and many slight accidents, they arrived at their new home the 17th day of September, 1764, we must say, thankful their destination was reached and showing no disposition to retrace their steps, "the first family that moved into Monadnock No. 5."

Their neighbors and companions were now the bear, the wolf, the panther, the hawk and the partridge. During the first year they were dependent for most of their provisions upon the neighboring towns, and Mr. Barker consequently had to make several journeys to Northfield and Westborough to obtain the requisite supplies, but after that, his lands being tolerably productive, he was obliged to obtain but little from these towns except groceries, and these being expensive luxuries were only sparingly and economically used.

For the first few years they must have felt some of the privations incident to a pioneer life, but they may have been of those individuals to whom solitude imparts a most delightful charm. They could but have felt that they were sowing for others to reap. Be this as it may, we have no evidence that they were not contented with their lot, or that they did not take as much comfort in their family in this quiet retreat as they could have taken amidst the busy scenes of a populous town. For more than a year they were the only family in this section, their nearest neighbors being away some three or four miles; so that the influence of society beyond the limits of their own family circle could have been but little felt.

A road having been built past his residence in 1770, he opened a public house which he kept some eight or ten



years, and was the first public house in the township. His sign was an upright post with an arm projecting from the top, upon the end of which was the picture of a heart.

In 1765, a settlement was made in the eastern part of the township. Silas Fife came to Monadnock No. 5 from Bolton, Mass. He was a young man, and having heard much of the undeveloped resources of this region and of its adaptability for farming purposes, he determined to visit it with a view of purchasing a tract for a farm. Consequently in the spring of this year he started, accompanied only by his trusty dog and gun, and with a small quantity of food strapped upon his back. Upon his arrival he purchased a lot of land on East Hill, including most of the Deacon Abel Baker farm, now owned by Oliver P. Whitcomb. Here he constructed a rude hut, or perhaps a cave, as a temporary shelter, near the entrance of which he cooked his food, while within he slept during the night, gun in hand, ready at a moment's warning to send Bruin howling from his presence.

Young Fife seemed to be possessed of an adventurous spirit to which this wild region was well adapted. He was an excellent shot and fond of the chase, and the abundance of game in the vicinity of the mountain afforded ample scope for the exercise of his skill. As his supply of food during the first few months of his residence was limited, he was obliged to depend upon his favorite amusement for his daily sustenance, and whenever he felt the pangs of hunger, the sharp crack of his rifle was pretty certain to bring him relief.

For several summers he toiled on alone, clearing his ground and bringing it into a state of cultivation; in the meantime he built a house, and then, thinking, like many others, that he had experienced fully his share of the

sweets of single blessedness, married Abigail Houghton, a young lady from his native town, and took her to his wilderness home. They were married in Boston, Mass., Aug. 15, 1772. Mrs. Fife was but little accustomed to the rude life she had here chosen, and it is therefore no wonder that many perplexing incidents should happen to her in the discharge of her household duties; one of which she often related in after years with great merriment. A few days after becoming settled in her new home, she undertook to bake some pies which were on pewter plates, and placed in a heated stone oven. Shortly afterward, on looking into the oven, it is perhaps unnecessary to add, she found the plates a liquid mass, rolling about in different directions. A few such lessons probably served to correct her judgment and led her to avoid similar unpleasant casualties.

In 1767, a large number of individuals came to these townships, purchased land, and made preparations for taking up their abode here, and in the following year eleven individuals, and some of them with families, settled on territory now in Troy, and included the following:

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| Thomas Tolman,   | Caleb Winch,      |
| Phineas Farrar,  | Jonathan Shaw,    |
| Richard Roberts, | Jonah Harrington, |
| James Brewer,    | David Wheeler,    |
| John Farrar,     | Joseph Tiffany,   |
| Ezekiel Mixer.   |                   |

Thomas Tolman came from Dorchester, Mass., and was the son of Henry and Mary Tolman, whose ancestors were reported to have been among the first settlers of Boston and vicinity. He purchased a large tract of land of the heirs of Sampson Stoddard, who was proprietor of most of the land in this section. The forest was very heavy here, and he felled with his own hands the first tree to make an opening for the log house into which he

moved his family as early as 1768. This hut stood on the E. H. Tolman farm, now owned by E. P. Kimball, and was located in the southeast corner of the field in front of the house. After clearing a few acres of ground he built a grist mill, and a few years later he built a saw mill, and as soon as it was in operation, having plenty of lumber at his command, he commenced making preparations for building a better house and soon exchanged the log hut for a good substantial frame house, which he afterwards opened as an inn.

This was the first house built and occupied in what is now the village of Troy. This was the house now owned by Mrs. Sarah Brown, formerly occupied by Joseph Haskell, and is the oldest house in town. Its position has been changed, as it formerly stood farther back and with the end towards the common, and it has been considerably changed by repairs. Being an active, athletic and vigorous man, he made great improvements, and in the forest which then covered the ground now occupied by the village, he cut the first tree that bowed to the woodman's axe; he built the first house and was the first settler. Mr. Tolman was a man of considerable importance in the early history of this region, and he lived to see settled around him many neighbors to whom he was a faithful friend and upright citizen.

Phineas Farrar was the sixth generation in descent from Jacob Farrar, who settled in Lancaster, Mass., in 1658, and was the eldest son of Josiah and Hannah Farrar. He came to Monadnock No. 5 in 1768, and purchased several lots of land, and built a small house near where J. M. Foster now lives. About this time he married Lovina Warren, of Marlborough, Mass., and immediately removed to his new house, where he addressed himself to the work of converting a dense forest into a productive farm. In 1773 or

1774, he went to Newfane, Vt., where he resided about two years, at the expiration of which time he returned and purchased a lot of land comprising most of the Elisha H. Tolman farm upon which he built a house. Here he lived until 1778, when he exchanged farms with Benoni Robbins or sold the same and returned to the location he first purchased. Here he built a new and commodious house and was soon joined by his venerable father and mother from Sudbury, who came to spend the remainder of their days with him. He obtained possession of nearly all the land comprising the farms formerly owned by Joseph M. Forristall, and those owned by Gregory Lawrence and Farwell O. Cobb. He kept a public house for many years and was prominent in all town affairs, and was representative from Marlborough for several terms.

Col. Richard Roberts came to Monadnock in 1768, from Bolton, Mass., and located where Wilford E. Parker now lives. He afterwards lived in several different places. He was a man of ordinary height, very corpulent, with a stern, commanding appearance, but a benevolent disposition. He was a man of untiring energy, and took a very conspicuous part in all public business of the town, showing he was esteemed by those who had the best means of knowing his real merit. He had more wealth than most of his neighbors and often assisted the poor in many ways. During the Revolutionary period he kept a public house on the road leading from the Parker Butler place to Geo. A. Porter's. He died in his chaise, Sept. 10, 1801, while returning from Keene, and was found by the side of the road near the village of South Keene.

James Brewer came from Sudbury, now Wayland, Mass., in 1768 or 1769, being one of a party of eleven who came into the Monadnock region at that time. He purchased a lot of one hundred and twenty acres of land,



being lot 23 in Monadnock No. 5, drawn by Samuel Cochran, building a log house which stood near where Abel Garfield formerly lived, to which he removed his family, and like all the early settlers, his time was principally employed in clearing and tilling the soil. He possessed naturally a strong mind which was considerably improved by education; and in his intercourse with his fellow men he was upright, affable, and readily secured their confidence and esteem; consequently he was often promoted to stations of honor and responsibility.

In 1770, he was one of the town committee in Monadnock No. 5, to assist in selecting a site and building the first meeting house, and also of the committee to choose the first minister, the Rev. Joseph Cummings. He also served on the committee chosen later to settle the difficulties between the church and the minister.

It is said that he was one of the party of men, who disguised as Indians, at Boston, Dec. 16, 1773, went to the wharf and emptied into the harbor, some three hundred and forty chests of tea, brought to the port by three vessels from India. This protest, known as the "Boston Tea Party," was against the taxation of the colonies.

During that early period there were no schools, and he was often employed in teaching the children of the neighborhood, and took delight in having them gather round him to "set them copies and give them sums."

At the commencement of hostilities with Great Britain, he enlisted in the Patriot cause and was an efficient officer in the Revolutionary army, and was at the Battle of Bunker Hill, and subsequently at Ticonderoga. Having served his time he returned home. The war was not ended and a meeting was called at Marlborough, Feb. 13, 1781, for the purpose of devising some method to fill their quota, which at that time was no easy task, for the

town had as yet spent but little in paying bounties to those who had served, as those who had enlisted had done so more from a sense of duty and love of country, than for the sake of obtaining bounties. The Continental currency had depreciated so in value at this time as to be worth but little or nothing. Mr. Brewer was moderator of this meeting and made the town the following proposals. "If I engage for the town for three years, I will have five hundred dollars, Continental money; one hundred dollars, the old way the first year, one-half in four months if I serve six months, and one hundred dollars more for the second year, if I serve six months in the second year, and one hundred more if I serve the third year six months more." These proposals were accepted and the selectmen were instructed to give him security for the above sums in behalf of the town.

He was one of the number who signed the Declaration of the Committee of Safety, and also the agreement by which the inhabitants pledged their faith and honor that they would not import, sell, purchase, or consume any kinds of East India teas, nor suffer the same to be used or consumed in their respective families, until the duties should be taken off.

Soon after the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress sent out to the various Assemblies of the States, articles signed by all the members of the Congress, which were designed to perpetuate union between the States, and these were sent to the several towns for their approval. These articles of confederation were rejected by a majority of the votes in the state.

Another convention was called June, 1781, which held nine sessions before a plan was devised that was wholly accepted, not closing until Oct. 1782. This was not accepted by the town of Marlborough, at a meeting in

Nov. 1782, and James Brewer was one of a committee of seven chosen to draw up an amendment which was accepted at an adjourned meeting a week later, and he was also one of the signers of the Constitution of New Hampshire, which was declared to be such June, 1784.

John Farrar was a native of Framingham, Mass., and a highly respected and honored citizen before he came to Monadnock No. 4, which was about 1768, as in October of that year he was chosen a member of a committee to locate a meeting house and lay out a burying ground. It is not certain that he removed his family until some years later, as his youngest child is recorded as having been baptised in Framingham in 1771. In 1769, it appears he held the office of deputy sheriff in Middlesex County, Mass., and he held other important offices in Framingham as late as 1774.

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It is quite probable that for some years after 1768 he retained his residence in Framingham, while he was active in promoting the civil and religious interests of Monadnock No. 4, going back and forth between the two places as circumstances seem to require. He was twice married, his first wife having been a daughter of Rev. John Swift of Framingham, who left two children, two others having died in infancy, while his second wife, Deborah Winch, had nine children.

Caleb Winch came from Framingham, Mass., and settled in the eastern part of the town in 1768, building for himself a log house. He was an intelligent and useful citizen and became a man of note in the township; he was energetic and enterprising, and deeply interested in all measures concerning the public welfare. He was one of the six original members of the church in Fitzwilliam, and took a conspicuous part in all public business of the town, his name frequently appearing upon the

records of the town, both of the proprietors and town in connection with important offices. Although not possessed of a liberal education, he appears to have had more than ordinary talents which left conspicuous "footprints upon the sands of time." His wife's name was Mehitable, and they had ten children born between 1770 and 1788. Mr. Winch died in 1826.

Jonathan Shaw and Jonah Harrington were early settlers, but no account can be given of the early life or place of residence of the former. He built a house on Hunt Hill, so-called, west of the place now owned by H. W. Eastman, on an old road which formerly commenced near the foot of the hill and terminated in the present traveled road, west of the place now owned by John Tatro. The latter was the son of Daniel and Mary Harrington, one of the early grantees of the township. He was born in Marlborough, Mass., in 1748, and married Damaris Warren of Marlborough, in 1769, and soon after his marriage he came to this section and was the first settler on the Lemuel Brown place. He owned most of the land extending eastward from the road by his house to the lots owned by Silas Fife and Richard Robberts. Both Shaw and Harrington lived on their respective places some ten or fifteen years and then removed to Vermont. Harrington sold his place to Daniel Cutting.

David Wheeler came from Marlborough, Mass., probably about 1770, and purchased a lot of land and was the first settler on the farm now owned by Samuel A. Mason, his purchase including the farms formerly owned by Amasa Fuller, Artemas Bemis, Asa and Luther Bemis and George Lovering. The low land in this vicinity was at that time covered with a heavy growth of ash trees, and from these trees young Wheeler split out the timber with which he built quite a substantial house on a small



swell a little south of the present barn. He lived here alone some four or five years, when he married Rebecca Hoar. From what is said of him we learn that he was an honest, hardworking man, and a good farmer, and that he was highly esteemed is fully attested by the numerous offices which he held within the gift of his fellow citizens.

Of James Tiffany and Ezekiel Mixer but little can be said, as there is but little recorded of them, and the most that is known is from traditionary reports. Tiffany came from Attleborough, Mass., and settled on West Hill on the Milan Corey place, where he lived until about 1772, when he sold his land to Moses Kenney, after which all trace of him is lost. Ezekiel Mixer was the son of John Mixer of Framingham, and made the first improvements on the Daniel Farrar farm. He built a small house and lived there until 1775, clearing the land and bringing it into good condition for the bearing of crops.

During the twelve years from 1768 to 1780, but very few settlers came into these townships, being due in part, at least, to the disturbed condition of the country caused by the Revolutionary war and the controversies with Great Britain, which caused a very unsettled state of affairs, the public being more earnestly engaged in seeking their independence from the yoke of the English government, than in acquiring new homes in the wilderness.

The following it is believed are the most of the immigrants who settled here during this period.

Benjamin Tolman,  
Jacob Newell,  
Moses Kenney,  
Henry Morse,  
Daniel Lawrence,  
Daniel Cutting,  
Joseph Cutting,

Joshua Harrington,  
Duncan Cameron,  
John Bruce,  
Thomas Clark,  
Agabus Bishop,  
Abner Haskell,  
Joseph Forristall,

Reuben Ward,  
Ichabod Shaw,  
Peter Starkey,  
Jonathan Lawrence,

John Godding,  
Alexander Parkman,  
Joseph Nourse,  
Daniel Farrar.

Benjamin Tolman was a brother of Thomas, before mentioned, and was born in Dorchester, Mass. He resided some years in Attleborough, from which place he came to Monadnock No. 4, about 1770, and built a log house. He married Hepzibeth, daughter of Jacob Newell, and lived in this house until about 1780, when he removed to a new house which he had built on the opposite side of the road and about one hundred rods west of the present residence of John Tatro and on land now owned by E. P. Kimball. The old well can be found in the wall by the side of the road. At the time of his settlement there was no road in that part of the township, and finding it convenient to have one to reach his hut and farm, and the Proprietors being slow to furnish one, he proceeded to clear and make one for himself, and this he did without following stake and stones set by a court's committee, or asking leave of the intervening owners of the territory, and if it was not in all respects what is required at the present day, no complaint was ever made against it and no damages ever paid for injury to horse or carriage. It was considered in keeping with all the other conveniences of life in those times, when to earn their living by the sweat of the brow was the lot of every one. In 1790, he sold his place to one Sweetland, and removed to another lot, building another log house and commencing anew to clear the land. This was the farm afterwards occupied by his son Stephen, and here he spent the remainder of his days.

Jacob Newell, was the son of Jacob Newell of Attleborough, from which place he came in 1769 or 1770, and was the second settler in what is now the village. He

purchased most probably of William Barker, most of the land comprising the farms formerly owned by William Harris, William Whitcomb, Stillman Newell, Bemis and Clark and Stephen Wheeler. He also obtained a part of a lot in the north part of the village, and built a log house on the spot now occupied by the residence of Mrs. Abel Burpee.



VIEW OF MAIN ST. LOOKING SOUTH FROM NEAR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

He lived there many years, clearing most of the land in that vicinity. After a time he replaced the log with a frame house, and in the mean time he purchased of Thomas Tolman an interest in the new grist mill, probably one-fourth part, as there was a deed of such a part from Jacob Newell to Joshua Harrington, and dated the "27th day of May, 1776, and in the 16th year of the reign of George the 3d." A few years later he sold his house and several acres of land to Ebenezer Tolman and built another on the farm now owned by Franklin Whitcomb, where he resided most of the time till the close of his life.

Moses Kenney came from Marlborough, Mass., about the year 1772, and purchased the farm then owned by James Tiffany, where he resided till 1778, when he sold to

Moses Cutting, and moved to Vermont. His residence here was short, and his name seldom appears upon the records. Henry Morse came from Charlestown, Mass., in 1773, and settled in Swanzev on a lot of land which was afterward severed from that township and annexed to Troy, and is what is known as the Jonathan Clark farm. Before coming to Swanzev his occupation had been an innkeeper, and undoubtedly he selected this location with the view of pursuing his favorite occupation, as it was a very judicious one, it being on the main road from Swanzev to Boston, and with no other public house in the vicinity. In those days of transportation by team, the travel must have been considerable, and the situation and good management soon made a lucrative business, for in a few years the house first built was found too small to accommodate the increasing business, and a larger and more commodious one was built in 1778. Mr. Morse kept the house until his death in 1786.

Daniel Lawrence was a native of Weston, Mass., where he passed his minority with his parents on a farm. He married Elizabeth Graves of Sudbury, in 1773, and in the following year, leaving his wife behind him, he came to Marlborough and purchased a lot of land of Jonah Harrington, which included most of the farm now known as the John Lawrence place. He built a log house near the site of the present buildings, doubtless intending to remove his family soon, but the breaking out of the Revolutionary war changed his plans, for he entered the army. He arrived at Cambridge about the middle of June, and was among the number detached from the main army to fortify Bunker Hill, and fought under Prescott in that battle. At the end of eight months he received an honorable discharge and returned to Weston, making preparations to move to the selected place for his future residence, which



he did in the spring of 1776, with his wife and one child, making the toilsome journey with an ox team, the usual mode of conveyance in those days, taking possession of the previously abandoned log house. He cleared most of the land comprising this farm and erected part of the present buildings. He was an industrious farmer, having little to do with public business, as his name but seldom appears upon the town records, and at the time of his death, which occurred in 1832, he had accumulated considerable property.

Daniel Cutting was the son of Moses and Mary Stratton Cutting of Framingham, and came to Marlborough in 1773, and located on the Timothy Fife place. In 1779, he purchased of Jonah Harrington, the farm at the North end now owned by Charles D. Farrar, and formerly owned by Calvin Barnard. He built a saw mill near where C. D. Farrar's pail shop now stands. He lived there some sixteen years, his time being divided between his farm and mill, and possessing more than ordinary business capacity he managed both to good advantage. He was a man of considerable energy and public spirit, and deserving the confidence of his fellow men. He frequently took an active part in the business transactions of the town, and it appears his services were very acceptable to the people. But having been called to experience severe affliction in the death of his wife, by which his family circle was broken up, he removed back to Framingham in 1795, where he married Mrs. Martha Brown. He resided there until his death in 1812. His first wife was Submit Ball, whom he married in 1771.

Joseph Cutting, brother of Daniel, came to Marlborough in 1775. From the manner in which he left Framingham it appears he had no idea of devoting his life to the service of his country, and that he possessed but little

Revolutionary spirit. Upon receiving intelligence that he had been drafted to enter the army, he fled from his native town, and after wandering about some time in disguise, directed his steps towards Monadnock. When he had advanced so far as to be relieved from the fear of being recognized, he pursued a more open course; and on one occasion, seeing a group of men in the distance, he ventured among them to learn the subject of their deliberations. But what was his surprise to see posted on the walls of a building, a large bill offering a reward of twenty pounds for the arrest of Joseph Cutting. His self-possession did not desert him and he simply remarked that as he was nearly destitute of money, he would like to capture the fugitive and obtain the proffered reward. He did not excite suspicion and was permitted to pursue his journey, soon reaching the place of his destination where he was safe from his pursuers. He worked for the settlers as opportunity presented and soon accumulated a little property. The war ended, he emerged from his retreat and after a time was married, but to whom is not known. He built a house on the farm now owned by Franklin Whitcomb and a little west of the present buildings. After living in this house for a short time, he purchased the farm known as the Jotham H. Holt place on West Hill, building a house west of where the buildings now stand. He afterwards built the present buildings where he lived until his death in 1823.

During his retreat he manufactured a cane from the root of a tree, in which he made a pipe that he might be able to enjoy his habit of smoking. This cane is now owned by one of his descendents.

Moses Cutting, another brother of Daniel, came here at an early date, probably before 1775. In 1778, he purchased of Moses Kenney the Abel Garfield farm, and moved

there with his family. After residing there about twelve years, he sold the farm to John Colburn of Lincoln, and bought the Samuel Farrar farm, recently owned by Willard White, and built the present house. He was of a quiet, retiring disposition, seldom taking part in public affairs, but employed his time mostly in cultivating his farm, although he is said to have possessed great mechanical ingenuity and could make anything that had ever been accomplished by human skill. He died in 1834, and being a member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons, was buried with Masonic honors.

Reuben Ward, son of Phineas and Mary Ward, came here from Marlborough, Mass., his native town, in 1774, and purchased the farm then owned by Richard Robberts, now owned by the heirs of Hamilton Parker. It is said that both himself and wife inherited a large property from their ancestors, so that he had ample means for paying for and improving his farm, conducting the same with strict economy. It is said that he had but little to do with his neighbors; would seldom borrow or lend, but would contrive to satisfy all his wants from his own resources. His plans were laid after mature deliberation, and he was usually successful in carrying them out; and at his death, which occurred Jan. 8, 1800, he was considered the wealthiest man in Marlborough.

Ichabod Shaw, a brother of Jonathan Shaw before mentioned, came here in 1774, and settled on a lot where H. W. Eastman lives. His history is obscure, but he probably made the first clearing on the land and built a house near the site of the present buildings, where he resided with his family until 1797, when he sold out and moved to Vermont.

Peter Starkey was the son of John, and the grandson of Andrew, who settled in Attleborough, Mass., in 1754,

and spent most of the early part of his life in that town. Early in 1776, he came to Monadnock No. 5, with his wife and four brothers, John, Benjamin, Enoch and Joseph. He purchased a lot of land of Joseph Tiffany and built a house near the Milan Corey place on West Hill, now owned by J. M. Foster. He resided there until 1787, when he exchanged locations with John Wright, which was the place upon which Benjamin Tolman first settled, where he lived until his death in February, 1821. His brother John, married Mary Godding and lived and died here. Benjamin was never married but lived with his brother Joseph, who married Waitstill Morse and settled in Richmond. Enoch settled in what was called the Crocker pasture, a part of Fitzwilliam afterwards annexed to Swanzey. He died in Troy in 1823.

Jonathan Lawrence, a brother of Daniel, came here in 1777, and bought of his brother the lot now comprising the farm owned by Charles S. Starkey. He married Lucy Moore of Sudbury, Mass., and lived several years in a log house until he cleared a considerable part of the land and got it in a good condition, when he built a more convenient house. As his name does not appear upon the record of any public meeting, it is supposed he was one who preferred private life and never took any part in public assemblies.

Joshua Harrington was a native of Framingham, where he was born in 1718. He came here about 1774, and lived a few years in the house with Thomas Tolman. About 1780, he bought the Tiffany mill privilege, and saw and grist mills of Thomas Tolman, which received the most of his attention until his death in 1784. The saw mill was converted to other uses in a few years, but the grist mill was kept in operation by his son Joshua, and grandsons Joshua and Elijah, until 1840, when the location was sold



to Luke Harris. His son Joshua succeeded to the business. He married Elizabeth Brigham of Shrewsbury, in 1780, and several years after he purchased of Thomas Tolman some fifty-three acres of land, which included most of the farm formerly owned by Eri J. Spaulding, and built the house which constituted the old ell to the Spaulding house which was torn down in 1887, and in which he lived until his death, Sept. 20, 1834. He was a very industrious man and a good citizen. He was of medium height but very corpulent, which made him so infirm in the later years of his life that he could perform but little labor.

Duncan Cameron was a native of Scotland, and being a member of the British army at the commencement of the hostilities with America, he came to this country and served under General Burgoyne. In 1777, he accompanied the expedition of that officer from Quebec to the Hudson, and was in the battles of Bennington, Vt., and Stillwater, N. Y., and was among the number surrendered to General Gates on the 17th of October. Unlike most of those who were taken prisoners with him, he chose to remain in this country and share the fortune of the people whom he had been hired to crush, and upon being exchanged came here and located, purchasing the land which Phineas Farrar had commenced to improve near where J. M. Foster lives, and made a successful farmer. He lived there until about 1798, when he removed to Vermont. The house in which he resided remained vacant a few years and was then burned.

John Bruce was a native of Sudbury, Mass., and came here with his wife, Mary Joslin, and eight children, about 1775, and settled on the premises previously occupied by Ezekiel Mixer. He was killed June 3, 1779, "by logs at saw mill." But little is known about his family or descendants.

Thomas Clark came from Wrentham, Mass., and settled

on land purchased of Thomas Tolman, in the south part of the town. Like most of the early settlers he built a log house to be the home of himself and family, near the brook that passes through the valley. Unlike the log houses of that time in having a fireplace and chimney at one side or in one corner, this was warmed from a stone fireplace in the center of it, the smoke escaping through a hole in the roof left uncovered for that purpose. He was industrious as well as ingenious, and in addition to carrying on his farm, made various articles of wood for household use, as plates, trays, mortars, bowls and spoons, either entirely by hand or by means of the rudely constructed lathe of those days. This served to increase his income, for they no doubt found a ready sale, for in families of moderate means wooden dishes were generally used, as crockery was too expensive and perishable, although pewter plates and cups were used to some extent. At a little later date, brown earthenware was substituted for the wooden and pewter dishes.

Mr. Clark was prospered in his business and soon acquired the means for building a more convenient house and of living in more comfortable circumstances. He died in 1818, quite advanced in years, and few men left a better example or were more generally beloved.

Agabus Bishop also came from Wrentham, and settled near where Benjamin Tolman first settled. When he moved his family he came in a very unusual manner, for instead of using an ox team, as had nearly all who had preceded him, he came with a horse and wagon, and for some years this was the only horse in that part of the town. An animal so rare must have been in great demand, and it is quite probable carried to the mill most of the grain raised in the neighborhood for several years. Mr. Bishop built a frame house about the same time as did his neighbor

Clark, in which he resided until his death about 1798.

Abner Haskell was a native of Harvard, Mass., and came here about 1778, and located on the Howard Clark farm near where James Carpenter now lives. Their first habitation was a log hut, but in a few years Mr. Haskell built a more commodious house and out-buildings, which were burned in 1830. The present buildings were built by a grandson of Mr. Haskell. Mrs. Haskell was Martha Ward, a sister of Reuben Ward, previously mentioned. They had a family of four children, two sons and two daughters. He served as selectman of Fitzwilliam in 1785. He died in 1809, quite advanced in years, and his son Joseph succeeded to his inheritance.

Joseph Forristall was born in Holliston, Mass., and spent his early life upon a farm. At the breaking out of the Revolutionary war he entered the Continental army and was stationed at Ticonderoga, but after three months' service was discharged and returned to Holliston, where he married Hannah Mellen in 1778. This young couple came here about 1781, and located in the south part of the town near where Nahum Green lives. The one hundred and twenty acres of land upon which they settled were purchased by the father of the bride, who came with Mr. Forristall and aided him in making a clearing and partially building a frame house. This was in the autumn, and early in the following spring, he came with his wife, taking possession of their dwelling, though the floor was not laid until the succeeding fall. Having been reared in comfortable circumstances it must have been hard to commence life in such a rude manner, but possessing energy, strength and courage they soon made themselves a comfortable home. A neat and commodious house took the place of the rude hut, and abundant crops that of the primeval forest. By industry and economy they soon

acquired a competence, bringing up a large family of children and living to a good old age. Mr. Forristall built two houses on the farm, the first the small one already mentioned which was occupied until about 1809, when he erected a larger and more substantial one. Few men with equal means accomplished more than did Mr. Forristall. He did not amass great wealth, but every dollar he possessed was the result of honest labor. Fraud and speculation had no place in his code of life; he rendered to every one an equivalent for all their demands. Without noise or ostentatious display, the example of such a person creates an influence that is sure to be felt.

The Godding family, consisting of the widow of John Godding, and eight children, four sons and four daughters, came from Attleborough, Mass., in 1779, and settled on the place now owned by Samuel A. Mason. The eldest son John was a capable and energetic young man, and he made the purchase of the land and arranged all the matters of the removal of his mother and children. He married Polly Robbins of Warwick, Mass., and lived on the farm he first purchased until about 1795, when he sold out and purchased another lot about one-fourth mile southeast of the Franklin Woodward farm. He lived there some fourteen years when he moved to Wallingford, Vt., where he lived some years and then moved to the western part of New York. The eldest child, Mary, was twice married; her first husband was John Starkey, Jr., sixth son of John Starkey of Attleborough, who died in Troy; her second husband was Jacob Newell, who has already been mentioned. Another daughter married Bethuel Bishop and removed to Shrewsbury, Vt., where they died. The third daughter married Isaac Jackson and lived here several years, when they moved to Wallingford, Vt., where they died. The fourth, married Jesse Bishop and settled near



the Thomas Clark place. Asa, the youngest child, never married, and died at an early age. William, the next younger, went to Burke, Vt., a single man, where he lived until his death. Timothy married Ruth Robbins, sister of his brother John's wife, in 1790, and lived with him on the farm first purchased until it was sold. He then purchased a farm and built a house this side of the Franklin Woodward place where he lived until 1850. He then moved to Winchendon, Mass., and lived with son Alvah, who was a well known physician. Mrs. Godding died in Troy in 1854, and he died in Winchendon in 1856. He was a resident of Troy for more than seventy years, and but few men have left behind a better influence upon the people.

Of the early life of Alexander Parkman but little information can be given. He probably settled here as early as 1777 or 1778, and located near where the Troy Blanket Mills now stand. He was by trade a clothier and he had a fulling mill near by. Here he worked at his trade for several years, and found plenty of material to occupy his time in the usual dressing season, as it was then the custom for families to manufacture their own cloth. He had a share in the public business, as he was town clerk of Marlborough in 1784 and 1785, and also occupied other important positions, and probably discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the people. About 1788, he removed to Cherry Valley, N. Y., and employed William Tenney, Sr., who with an ox team conveyed his family and goods as far as Bennington, Vt., where they were overtaken by a severe storm and obliged to halt. Finding it impossible to proceed farther with his load, Mr. Tenney returned, leaving Parkman to find other means of conveyance when the traveling became favorable. Mr. Parkman had several sons, one of whom engaged in mercantile business in Boston and acquired a fortune.

Joseph Nourse and family, consisting of mother, four sons and two daughters, came from Hopkinton, Mass., in 1779, and settled where Nahum Green now lives. They lived there until 1794, when Mr. Nourse died, and his son Ebenezer built a house near the site of the present residence of Moses Abare. Jonathan, the oldest child, lived with his parents a few years after they came to Fitzwilliam and then moved to Ohio. Hannah, the eldest daughter, married Colmon Saunders, but it is not known where they settled. Joseph went away while a single man but afterwards married. William married Lydia, daughter of John Bruce, and settled on the place now owned by H. W. Eastman, but in a few years moved to Warwick. Prudence married Moseman and settled in Newfane, Vt. Ebenezer married Priscilla Poor of Royalston, Mass., and settled on the home farm with his father. Reuben, the youngest child, married Jerusha Bruce, and settled with his brother, and was to share with him the farm after the decease of their parents. In a few years he sold his interest in the farm to David White and moved to Pelham. Mrs. Nourse, the mother, died in 1783, and Mr. Nourse in 1808, at the advanced age of ninety-four.

Daniel Farrar was a descendant of Jacob Farrar who came to this country in 1658. He came to this vicinity about 1799, purchasing a lot of land of Samuel Curtis of Marlborough, Mass., upon which he erected a log house to which he removed his family and devoted his time to clearing and cultivating the land. The deed was dated Jan. 15, 1799, and the lot comprised most of the Daniel Cutting farm. He married a daughter of John Bruce. Occasionally he would assist his father Bruce, who was at the same time clearing a part of his land, and was with him at the time he was killed as before mentioned. In

1783, he removed to the Bruce farm, and the following year, he sold the lot first purchased to his brother George, who had already lived with him there about one year. To the improvement of the farm upon which he now resided he devoted the most of his energies, and, possessing a strong constitution and great powers of endurance, he could perform more labor than usually falls to the lot of most men.

## CHAPTER III.

### SETTLERS FROM 1780 TO 1800.

JOHN WHITNEY.—JONATHAN WHITNEY.—GEORGE FARRAR.—BERBY.—WES-  
SON.—JASON WINCH.—JOSEPH PARKER.—JONAS WARREN.—DANIEL GOULD.  
—NATHANIEL KENDALL.—HEZEKIAH COOLIDGE.—ABRAHAM COOLIDGE.—  
EPHRAIM ROOT.—BENONI ROBBINS.—JAMES DEAN.—JONATHAN WHIPPLE.  
—JONATHAN BALL.—JONATHAN PLATTS.—JOHN SWEETLAND.—TALMON  
KNIGHTS.—JOHN GARFIELD.—ELIJAH ALEXANDER.—STEPHEN RUSSELL.—  
ABRAHAM RANDALL.—SILAS COOK.—ISAAC JACKSON.—WILLIAM STARKEY.  
—ICHABOD WOODWARD.—JONAS ROBINSON.—SILAS WHEELER.—JOHN  
ROGERS.—DAVID SAUNDERS.—EBENEZER SAUNDERS.—EZEKIEL WHITE.—  
NATHANIEL BUCKLIN.—NEWTON.—WILLIAM NURSE.—EDWARD FOSTER.—  
JONATHAN CAPRON.—CHRISTOPHER HARRIS.—ELIJAH FULLER.—ISAAC  
FULLER.—ASA BREWER.—ZOPHER WHITCOMB.—JOHN JOY.—JOSEPH  
FRENCH.—HUGH THOMPSON.—JOHN AND DAVID GAREY.

During the next twenty years, or from 1780 to 1800, the population of these towns increased quite rapidly from the arrival of new settlers and by birth to the families already settled.

John and Jonathan Whitney, two brothers, came from Dunstable, purchasing a tract of land near where Nahum Green now lives, upon which they built a home, constructing the same for a tavern, and was kept as such by them for several years, during which time they did a fair amount of business and acquired considerable property. In 1778, they closed the house to the public and devoted their time to farming. For a few years they managed affairs together, when the property was divided. About the year 1810, Jonathan sold his interest to one Sanford, and moved to Hartland, Vt. John resided on the farm until his death in 1829. He married Mary Jones, a native of



Framingham. Jonathan settled in 1772, and John in 1779.

George Farrar, a brother of Daniel, settled in Marlborough about 1783. After residing with his brother about a year he purchased the location and married. He lived here about six years, when he sold out and moved to Templeton, Mass., where he lived two years, when he returned and purchased a farm on West Hill, where he lived until he died.

About this time, two families settled in the vicinity of what is now the village, but about all that is known of them is the family name and place of residence. The name of one was Berby, and the other Wesson. Berby lived near where Hiram C. Newton now lives. It is said he was quite a musician and took great delight in singing songs, and it is stated that on one occasion he let himself to sing at the rate of one potato for a song, and that he sang until he had obtained a peck. Wesson lived a little farther west on the opposite side of the road. Both families left town at an early date.

Jason Winch, a native of Framingham, and brother of Caleb, came here about 1782 or 1783, and built a tannery on the site of the one burned in April, 1887. He carried on tanning and currying for a few years, but being unfortunate in business, he closed it up and left town, probably about or before 1793.

Near the close of 1783, one Joseph Parker built a log house near the present residence of Gregory Lawrence, where he lived about four years, having charge of the grist mill built by Phineas Farrar. The mill was sold to Daniel Gould and he moved out of town.

No history is known of Jonas Warren except that about 1786 he erected a building on the east side of the common, near the house now owned by Thomas Mitchell, a part of which was used as a store. This was the fourth

house in the village and the first store in town. Afterwards he erected another building adjoining on the south, which was used as a tavern. Both of these buildings were afterwards remodeled and removed and made into dwellings. In addition to the store and tavern, he built an establishment for making potash, which stood near the roadway leading to the land of E. P. Kimball, on which the picture frame shop stood. He appears to have had considerable business tact, and must have contributed quite a good deal towards the prosperity of the town; but he had more interests than he could successfully manage, as they failed to pay expenses, and he closed up his business, after a residence of about ten years, and moved to Vermont.

Another early settler was Daniel Gould, who came about 1778, and settled near the Willard White place, making the first clearing and building a log house in which he lived until about 1787, when he sold to Moses Cutting, buying the Phineas Farrar grist mill and Joseph Parker house, and for the next few years he earned a comfortable support in taking care of the mill and cultivating his small lot of land. He had several children, one of whom, Abigail, married William Bruce, who was afterwards killed by a fall in a saw mill. The family left town about 1797.

Nathaniel Kendall came in 1786. He was born in Providence, R. I., where he lived until he was about sixteen years of age, when he removed to Lancaster, Mass., and while here he lived in various places, and is said to have changed his place of residence twenty times.

Hezekiah and Abraham Coolidge, two brothers from Sherburne, Mass., purchased of Reuben Ward one hundred acres of land on what is now called East Hill. They lived together for several years and then divided the farm. In

1791, Abraham built a house on the place now owned by H. E. Mellen, where he lived until 1818, when he sold his farm and hired the tavern in the village, now known as the Monadnock Hotel, which he kept until 1824, when he rented the Bailey Starkey house, where he resided until after the death of his wife in 1836, after which he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Moses Perkins, until his death in 1843. He was a very active man and traded occasionally in cattle and sheep which he disposed of in Brighton market. Hezekiah continued to reside on the original place until the fall of 1805, when on his way to Swanzey, with an ox team, he fell from the cart tongue upon which he was riding, one wheel passing over his head, killing him instantly.

In 1788 or 1789, Ephraim Root came from Coventry, Conn., with his two sons-in-law, Ebenezer and Samuel Bacon, buying of Jacob Newell a large tract of land which included the farm formerly owned by Stephen Wheeler and Lyman Wright, and a house where the residence of Mrs. A. J. Burpee now stands. He lived here with his son-in-law Samuel. Ebenezer built a house on the opposite side of the road near the house now owned by G. H. Aldrich, which was the fifth house built in the village. Ebenezer was a clothier and built a clothing mill near by. He fulled and colored the cloth in this mill but did the finishing in a part of his dwelling house. Mr. Root, soon after this, with the assistance of his sons-in-law, built a saw mill near where Charles Carpenter's saw mill stood which was burned about 1802. The land near the mill was cleared the following year by a "clearing bee" which was a prevailing custom at that time, at which the citizens of the town assembled and had a jovial time in removing and burning the brush.

For about eight years, Ephraim Root was one of the

most prominent men in town, and with his sons-in-law gave quite an impetus to the business of the place. But like the business men of today he was not successful in the prosecution of his plans, and becoming embarrassed in his financial affairs he was obliged to suspend business and his property passed into the hands of his creditors. He removed to another part of the town where he died in indigent circumstances. About 1797, the clothing mill and house were purchased by John Potter, and the Bacons left town.

Benoni Robbins, a cooper by trade, came from Attleborough, Mass., about 1770, and settled in the northerly part of Marlborough. In 1778, he exchanged farms with Phineas Farrar and took up his abode on what is now known as the "Fisk place." Robbins is said to have been possessed of more than ordinary physical vigor, of which he was apt to make a vain display. He seemed to suppose that a constitution so firm was a sure guarantee of long life; and when in 1801, he contracted the small pox, he at first looked upon the disease as a trivial thing which his vital energies would soon overcome; but as it steadily progressed and he saw his system gradually yielding to its power, he was led to see the folly of his reliance, and died in the most heart rending agony. This disease was but little known at that time in this region, and very naturally caused great alarm throughout the towns. People fled from their homes or secluded themselves in suspense, and all maintained a respectful distance. The excitement was so intense that it was difficult to get help to administer to the sick from other causes, or to bury the dead. He had several children; the oldest son Isaac, after the death of his father, bought the farm formerly owned by Daniel Cutting, where he resided for a number of years, afterwards moving to Vermont.



Of James Dean but little information can be given. He probably came to Marlborough previous to 1777, as he was a member of Capt. James Lewis' company in Col. E. Hale's regiment, which marched June 29th of that year, to reinforce the garrison at Ticonderoga. He was sexton in 1791. He married a daughter of William Barker, and about 1794, his father-in-law presented him with fifty acres of land adjoining his own farm, upon which he erected a house, where he lived for three or four years, when he sold this place to Isaac Fuller and moved to Grafton, Vt.

In 1790, there was a larger number of new inhabitants who came to the town than in any previous year since 1768. Among them were Jonathan Whipple, Jonathan Hall, Nathan Platts and John Sweetland, besides several others who remained but a limited period.

Jonathan Whipple was a carpenter by trade and built a house where Charles Haskell now lives. This was a one-story building with the end towards the road, the back part of which was used as a schoolroom. He is represented as being a very erect, portly man, prompt in business and a highly esteemed citizen. This was the sixth house in the village. The family being in humble circumstances most of the children left home at an early age. One son, Edward, learned his father's trade and worked with him most of the time while he lived here. He removed to Concord, Vt., in 1804, and was soon joined by his parents and other members of the family. The house was afterwards removed and remodeled, and is the house now owned by Mrs. Samantha Whitcomb.

Jonathan Ball came from Southborough in 1787. He built a tavern on the Flint place, so-called, where E. F. Adams now lives. The main building was two stories high and faced the highway, with a one-story ell extending

back. He kept public house here until 1796, when he sold his location to Christopher Harris and removed to New York. On his way there, Rebecca, one of his daughters, was taken suddenly ill and died before reaching the end of the journey.

There is a tradition respecting the large elm tree which now stands near the premises, and which is probably true. At that time there was quite a curve in the road in front of the house, the road passing considerably to the west of the present highway. In the spring of the year, after the winter's wood had been drawn to the dooryard, a sled stake was thoughtlessly stuck into the ground by the side of the road by Henry Tolman, which soon began to show signs of vitality and taking root, sent out branches and became a thrifty tree. At that time there was a bank of earth several feet in height on the east side of it, and the plat of ground above was used as a wood yard. And in building the turnpike on the east side of the tree, it was spared and became a stately monarch.

Jonathan Platts, soon after coming here, married Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Daniel Farrar, and being a tanner and currier by trade, commenced working the old Wright tannery. His father-in-law built a house for him, the seventh in the village, which was near where Mrs. Levi Whittemore lives. Being a man of but little energy, he soon failed in business and left town. The house was afterward sold to a Mr. Barnard, a blacksmith, but after exchanging owners several times, it was removed to where Andrew Foster lived.

John Sweetland came from Attleborough, Mass., about 1784, purchasing a lot and building a house near the Porter White place. All traces of this as well as of other residences of the individuals of the past generations have long since been obliterated. He had several children, the

oldest, a son, married a daughter of Daniel Gould. In 1798 or 1799, these families moved to Vermont.



MAIN STREET LOOKING NORTH FROM RAILROAD BRIDGE.

Talmon Knights came from Templeton, Mass., in 1791, and purchased of Phineas Farrar the land now constituting the Cobb farm. He prepared a comfortable habitation, to which he removed his family and commenced the arduous labor of clearing the land. At that time the highway which now leads to that farm extended on westward, and terminated in that on West Hill. This was laid out in 1774, by a committee chosen for that purpose by the Proprietors. Mr. Knights resided here until 1843.

The following year, 1792, John Garfield came from Lincoln, Mass., and purchased of John Colburn, the farm afterwards owned by his descendants. He was one of the patriots of the Revolution, having entered the army at the commencement of the war, and served his country through that trying period. After the war he settled in Lincoln, where he lived nine years, when with his wife and ten children he came here, where he lived during the remainder of his life. He had the reputation of being an

industrious man and a good citizen. In 1793, eight persons with their families settled in different parts of the town.

Elijah Alexander was born in Uxbridge, Mass., in 1741, where he married and worked at shoemaking until 1793, when he came to Marlborough and purchased a farm of Benoni Benson. After coming here he devoted most of his time to agriculture, and having a large family to support he was obliged to practice both industry and economy, and became a highly esteemed citizen, and he lived to see most of his children and some of his grandchildren comfortably settled in life.

Of Stephen Russell we know but little except that he came from New Ipswich in 1793, and made the first clearing and built the first house on the place now owned by Sidney Butler, and known as the Leonardson place. He lived there a few years, and then exchanging farms with Jacob Osborn of Keene, he removed there and died soon after.

The first known of Abraham Randall was in 1793, when he was living on a farm on West Hill, although he might have been settled there previously. He was the first to make a clearing and build a house on the Stephen Harris place, where he lived until about 1800, when he removed to Swanzey, to the Daniel Woodward farm, where he died.

All that is known of Silas Cook, or Davenport, is that they lived a few years on the road leading from the Morse tavern to Richmond.

Isaac Jackson came here from Attleborough, Mass., probably about 1778, but little is known of him until about 1793, when he was living on the Timothy Fife farm.

William Starkey was from Attleborough, Mass., and settled on the farm now occupied by Matthew Wilson.

Ichabod Woodward was from Sudbury, where he



married and where his children were born. At what time he came here cannot be ascertained, but in 1793 he lived on a farm immediately south of the Morse tavern, and was considered one of the best farmers in that part of the town. He kept a large stock of cattle, and few men could furnish the market with more saleable beef or produce a better team. But all traces of the once productive farm, like all of those of the first settlers in that part of the town, have long since passed away.

Jonas Robinson, or Robeson, as he spelled his name after coming to New Hampshire, was born in Lexington, Mass., and came here in 1791 or 1792, opening a store in the house of Reuben Ward, on the place now owned by the heirs of Hamilton Parker, which he occupied for nearly a year. But wishing to be nearer the center of business, he purchased of Joshua Harrington a lot of land near the gristmill and upon the south side of the stream, upon which he erected a building, the eighth in the village. The front part was finished for a store and the rear part for a dwelling. In 1805, he opened a store in the center of Fitzwilliam, placing his brother-in-law, Reuben Ward, there as clerk. He carried on business in both places until 1813, when he sold out his interest to Daniel W. Farrar, his partner. He was one of the most enterprising men of the town. While living here, he superintended the building of the new road or turnpike from Fitzwilliam to Keene, as no one else who was responsible could be found to do it, building log huts for the men he employed. Later he was very active in the erection of the first meeting house in Fitzwilliam village, and was much affected when it was burned. When the flames were bursting from the doors and windows, he took from the pulpit the Bible, and before the fire had gone out was arranging with others for rebuilding it at once. For about six years after

he opened the store here, he was assisted in his business by Calvin, the third son of Phineas Farrar, but in 1800, a younger brother, Daniel W., became a partner. In 1793, Jonas Robinson received a license "to sell *Speritus Liqueurs*, subject to such regulations and restrictions as the law of the State of New Hampshire imposes upon retailers."

Silas Wheeler came from Holden, Mass., about the year 1800, and settled on West Hill. About six years after, he bought the house and mill formerly owned by Daniel Gould. He immediately rebuilt the gristmill, and soon after built a saw mill on the opposite side of the stream. When these were in operation, he built a house nearly on the site of the old one and now owned by Gregory Lawrence. In 1826, the saw mill was carried away by a freshet, but was afterwards rebuilt and was the one owned later by Joseph M. Forristall. Mr. Wheeler lived here until 1832, when he moved to Swanzey, and lived with his father-in-law, James Brewer.

John Rogers was a native of Westborough, Mass., and his descendants claim that he was the twelfth generation from John Rogers, the martyr, who was burned at the stake in Smithfield, England. At what time he became a settler it is impossible to state, but it was previous to 1773. He is represented as having been a noted hunter, and as having spent a larger part of his time in pursuit of game. After the death of his wife, he went to live with his son-in-law, Capt. Shubael Stone, where he died.

David Saunders came from Billerica, Mass., in the fall of 1780, and settled near the Howard T. Clark place, now owned by James Carpenter.

Ebenezer Saunders, a younger brother of David, came in 1789, and settled on West Hill, near Samuel A. Mason's, where he lived until about 1813, when he sold out. He

afterwards lived in various places, in Fitzwilliam, in Richmond, N. H., and Dummerston, Vt.

Ezekiel White came from Douglass, Mass., quite early, but the precise date is not known. His name first appears in the records of Fitzwilliam in 1782. He settled on the farm formerly owned by Franklin Woodward.

All that is known of Nathaniel Bucklin is that he lived a few years on the west side of the road near the Bishop place. He left town about 1800.

About this time, or a few years earlier, a man by name of Newton came here and built a house near where Mrs. A. W. Whitcomb lives. He was a steelyard maker and built a shop northeast of the house. He lived there but a short time when he was succeeded by William Nurse and Edward Foster.

Jonathan Capron came from Marlborough. He was a blacksmith and formerly had a shop near the forks of the road, southeast of the residence of George A. Porter. He built a shop which was situated somewhere between the Congregational church and the residence of Mrs. Sarah E. Harris. He worked there some ten or fifteen years and then moved to Vermont.

Christopher Harris was a native of Rhode Island, and when a child, came to Richmond, N. H., where he lived during his minority. In 1787 he married a young lady who also came from Rhode Island, and in 1797 purchased the tavern which had been built and kept some years by Jonathan Ball. This tavern was near the residence of E. F. Adams and opposite the large elm tree. At that time the farm connected with the tavern was a large and very productive one, containing one hundred and thirty acres, and yielded a large income. He lived here until about 1811, when he moved to Rockingham, Vt., where he died.

Elijah Fuller was a native of Newton, Mass., and at

an early age was put out to service with Norman Clark, of whom he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed a larger part of the time. In 1797, he located on West Hill. Previous to his coming here in 1795, he married Lucretia Smith, who was a native of Holden, Mass. Soon after her birth her father moved with his family to Wyoming, Pennsylvania, which is on the Susquehanna river, where they remained until the famous "Wyoming massacre," when two thousand Tories and nine hundred Indians came upon the place and murdered the inhabitants without discrimination. Lucretia Smith was one of the few who escaped. She was about thirteen years of age and remembered well the distressing scenes which took place at that time, when so many fell a prey to savage warfare. The family after their escape returned to Holden.

Capt. Isaac Fuller, a brother of Elijah, came a few months later from Holden, where he had resided a short time. He first moved into a schoolhouse which then stood near his brothers, but later located on a farm afterwards purchased of the heirs of William Barker. He was a carpenter and skillful workman, but his farm demanded so much of his time that he devoted but little attention to his trade. On returning home from the village one stormy night in the winter of 1819, he perished in the storm, at the age of forty-four.

Asa Brewer became a resident about this time, as he was taxed in Fitzwilliam in 1799. After his marriage he settled in Roxbury, where he lived some time, and then located on the Enoch Garfield farm. In 1828, he removed to the Jonathan Clark farm, and a few years later removed to Barton, Vermont.

Zopher Whitcomb came here when but a youth and lived in the family of Joseph Cutting, with whom he staid



during the larger part of his minority. It is said Cutting gave him the land comprising the Amasa Aldrich farm, upon which he erected buildings, and where he lived after his marriage.

John Joy came about 1798. He married Sally, eldest daughter of Reuben Ward, and built a house on the Henry A. Porter place, which was owned by his father-in-law, who did not relinquish the title during his life. He lived there but a few years, but long enough to clear considerable land and erect comfortable buildings, and moved to Glover, Vt. The farm then passed into the possession of Levi Ward, who lived there a few years.

Joseph French is supposed to have come from Attleborough, Mass., where his grandfather settled about 1720. He located on the farm now owned by Joseph Haskell. He resided there until 1808, when he sold his farm and moved to Ludlow, Vt.

Hugh Thompson came here about 1798, but from what place is not known. He married Polly, oldest daughter of Daniel Lawrence, and purchased of Nathan Barker that part of the farm which came into his possession by the will of his father, William Barker. The deed of his purchase was in consideration of five hundred dollars, and was dated July 9, 1799. Upon this land he erected buildings, but after a few years he sold his farm to his brother-in-law, Daniel Lawrence, Jr., and purchased land in the eastern part of the town, but after a few years removed to the state of Maine.

John and David Garey, brothers, came from Leominster, Mass., some time prior to 1790, and settled on the Luke C. Clark place. John married Betsey, the eldest daughter of Caleb Winch. In 1800, the two brothers rented the Tolman tavern, and for about a year kept the public house in the village, when they returned to

Leominster. In 1807, John, with Joseph, another brother, returned and bought of Edmund Bemis the farm which had been purchased by the latter of James Brewer. The house which was a one-story building was removed to the spot just south of the residence of Franklin Ripley, and after receiving an additional story and undergoing extensive repairs, was opened as a tavern, but after a few years they returned to Leominster. The tavern and the farm came into the possession of Robinson and Farrar, who reserved a portion of the land and sold the remainder with the buildings to Timothy Kendall.

## CHAPTER IV.

### SETTLERS FROM 1800 TO 1815.

NATHAN WHEELER.—THOMAS BENNY.—WILLIAM BARNARD.—THOMAS CLARK.  
—JOSIAH MORSE.—HEZEKIAH HODGKINS.—REUBEN NEWELL.—EDMUND  
BEMIS.—JONATHAN LAWRENCE.—WILLIAM LAWRENCE.—ZALMON HOWE.  
—JOHN LAWRENCE.—HENRY TOLMAN.—JOSEPH BUTLER.—AARON HOLT.—  
DANIEL FARRAR.—JOSHUA HARRINGTON.—SAMUEL LAWRENCE.—DANIEL  
CUTTING, JR.—LEVI MAXEY.—EASMAN ALEXANDER.—ROBERT FITTS.—  
JOSIAH AMADON.—NATHAN WINCH.—ELIJAH HARRINGTON.—CALEB PERRY.  
—JOSEPH ALEXANDER.—ELIAS MANN.—DANIEL W. FARRAR.—LUNA STAR-  
KEY.—ISAAC LAWRENCE.—JAMES GODFREY.—SALMON WHITTEMORE.—  
LUKE HARRIS.—CONSTANT WEAVER.—SYLVESTER P. FLINT.—ELNATHAN  
GORHAM.—PELETIAH HODGKINS.—NATHAN NEWELL.—LYMAN WRIGHT.—  
STEPHEN FARRAR.—CALVIN BEMIS.

Nathan Wheeler was born in Holden, Mass., where he spent the early part of his life. He served in the American army during the Revolutionary war, after which he married and settled in his native place. He came to Marlborough in 1800, but did not become the owner of real estate. He afterwards went to Fitchburg, then to Saco, Me., returning to Fitzwilliam and then moving to Keene.

John and William Brown came here from Fitchburg about this time, purchasing the clothing mill, working at their trade as clothiers a short time, but not being as successful as expected, they sold the mill to Thomas Benney and returned to Fitchburg.

Thomas Benney came from another part of Marlborough, and on coming here married Lucinda, daughter of Richard Roberts, and lived a short time in the Bacon house, then in the Warren house and finally in part of his mill. After a few years he went to Westminster, Vt.

In 1801 or 1802, William Barnard of Lancaster, Mass., purchased a house of Daniel Farrar, Sen. He was a blacksmith by trade, and during his residence in the village he worked at his trade in the shop occupied by Jonathan Capron. In 1808, he sold his location and moved into a house formerly owned by Reuben Ward. About this time he built a shop near the Ward bridge, so-called, in which he constructed a trip hammer and other machinery, which was propelled by water. A short time after, he formed a partnership with one Moses Aldrich, and built a scythe factory at the North end, near where the Forristall saw mill was. This was the first scythe factory in town. Aldrich built a house near the shop, which was the only house in that section. In 1816 the house and shop were sold to Amos Sibley and he moved to Cavendish, Vt.

Thomas Clark, Jr., son of Thomas, of whom some account has been given, married in 1801 and settled on the home farm, where he lived until 1848. He afterwards purchased the farm formerly occupied by his son, Alvah S., where he lived until his death.

Josiah Morse, a son of Henry Morse, of whom some account has been given, in 1802 bought of Thomas Tolman a small lot of land and built a tavern, the one now known as the Monadnock Hotel, which has since undergone extensive repairs. But little is known of him previous to his coming here, other than that he lived in Swanzey, and that his wife was a daughter of Levi Maxey, of Attleborough. He kept a public house until about 1812, when he sold his location to Constant Weaver, and removed to Attleborough. During most of the time he resided here there were other public houses in the vicinity, so that on account of the competition he did not have a very lucrative business.

Hezekiah Hodgkins was a native of New Ipswich,



where he spent his early years; at the breaking out of the war of the Revolution, he responded to his country's call, and was in the army several years. Soon after his return from the war he settled in New Ipswich, where he worked at his trade of cabinet making. He came to Marlborough in 1788 and resided in the village for several years. In 1803 he purchased of Simon Piper the farm recently owned by Edmund Bemis. About this time he built a saw and gristmill, on the site now owned by George S. Colburn. In 1808 he sold the farm and mill to Edmund Bemis, Sr., and bought of Joseph French the farm now owned by Joseph Haskell. The next year he built a new house, but continued to live in the old one for some time, using the new one as a shop in which to manufacture rakes, a business which he followed in his later days.

Reuben Newell, the third son of Jacob, settled on the farm afterwards owned by William A. Harris. The land was given him by his father, upon which he erected the buildings. He resided here until 1815, when he moved into a house built for him by his father, which on account of some peculiarity in its construction, was called the "plank house."

Edmund Bemis was born in Westminster, Mass., in 1765, and came here at the period at which we have arrived. After his marriage, at the age of thirty-four years, he lived in Fitchburg a few years, but in 1807 he purchased of James Brewer the Stephen B. Farrar farm. He lived here three years and then sold the farm to Garey, as already mentioned, and moved on to the Ward farm where he lived one year. He soon sold out to Jonas Garey, and bought the one on West Hill, where he lived until his death, now owned by J. M. Foster.

Of the descendants of the first settlers, mention should

be made of Jonathan Lawrence, son of Jonathan, previously mentioned. He lived for some years on the Forbes place, in the south part of Marlborough; but about 1804 he purchased of Hugh Thompson the Sidney A. Butler farm, where he lived until near the close of his life when he went to live with his brother William.

William Lawrence, fifth son of Jonathan, married and settled on the home farm about this time. In 1856 he moved with his son, Joseph E. Lawrence, to a place purchased of A. B. Gates.

Zalmon Howe came from Holden, Mass., and settled in Marlborough in 1803, and bought the Joseph Alexander place. He obtained it of Elijah Alexander, whose son Gideon bought it of one White, who was the first settler. He lived there four or five years; afterwards he resided four years on the Barker farm, two on the "Amasa Fuller place," two on the George Farrar place, and three on the Joseph Alexander, Jr., place, and then moved to Fitzwilliam, where he died.

John Lawrence, son of Daniel, married and settled on the home farm in 1805.

Nov. 28, 1805, Henry Tolman, son of Benjamin, formed a co-partnership with his father-in-law, Christopher Harris, in conducting the business of the tavern. He lived there one and one-half years, then moved to Derry, Vt., and after three years returned and lived some time where Franklin Whitcomb now lives. After this he kept a public house at the Amasa Fuller place for about two years, and then returned to the Whitcomb place. He worked at brick making in the Thomas Wright yard for three years, and then moved into the Sampson Wheeler house, where he lived for sixteen years; after moving once or twice more he settled in Sterling, Mass., where he died.

Joseph Butler was a native of Bolton, Mass., probably.

He lived there about eighteen years after his marriage, coming here about 1806, buying of Rufus Russell a farm near Simon Butler's. This was some distance from the public highway, but formerly on an old road leading from Silas Fife's to Hugh Thompson's. He lived here some thirty years and moved to Marlborough, where he died.

Aaron Holt was born in Holden, Mass., where his father, from Andover, settled at an early period. In the fall of 1806, he purchased of Daniel Lawrence, Jr., a farm on West Hill, and in the following spring came with his family and settled on the same, where he lived ten years. After this he lived one year each on the Clark and Whitcomb farms; he then bought the farm afterwards owned by Hamilton Parker, and resided there three years. In 1822, he lived on the Levi L. Pierce place; in 1823, on the Sidney A. Butler place; in 1824, he moved to the Gove place, so-called, south of the Jonathan Clark place. In the fall of 1826, while passing on the highway, he met a young man riding one horse and leading another. The led horse was a vicious animal, and refused to go, and in attempting to assist the stranger in managing his unruly beast, he was kicked so badly that he died the next day.

This year, Daniel Farrar, Jr., second son of Daniel, before mentioned, located where Jonathan Capron formerly lived, now owned by Mrs. A. W. Whitcomb. He occupied the old house until after the death of his father, when he built the brick house now on the premises. He was a very industrious man and much esteemed by the people of the town.

Joshua Harrington was living with his father in 1807. In 1809, he built the old part of the house now owned by Miss Villa Gates. The year previous, he and his brother Elijah built a carding mill near the pail shop of Charles Coolidge, and they were in business together several years;

but in 1820, Joshua sold his house to Solomon Goddard and his interest in the mill to his brother Elijah, and moved to Alstead, where he resided until 1850, when he moved to Pittstown, New York.

Samuel Lawrence, second son of Jonathan, settled here not far from this time. After his marriage he lived a short time in Royalston, Mass.; on coming here he purchased a house of John Rodgers, which was north of No. 1 schoolhouse. He was a carpenter, and most of his time was devoted to his trade. In the great freshet of the winter of 1810, he was employed with others, by the proprietors of the turnpike, to remove a large body of ice which was obstructing the passage of the water under the bridge at the north end and threatening its destruction. While standing upon the ice, the obstruction suddenly gave way and he was thrown with considerable violence into the stream and carried rapidly down the current, and before assistance could be rendered him by those on shore, he was carried down the rapids, where he disappeared forever. The following summer a thigh bone of a man was found some distance below, which was, no doubt, a part of his body.

Daniel Cutting, Jr., eldest son of Daniel, settled on a farm east of the schoolhouse in District No. 3, which he purchased of the heirs of Hezekiah Coolidge, in 1807; now owned by John Lang. He inherited much of his father's business capacity, was an upright man, took a deep interest in the affairs of the town and was elected to numerous offices of trust and responsibility. For some years he devoted considerable time to buying cattle and sheep which he sent to Brighton market.

About this time, Levi Maxey of Attleborough, bought of Jonas Robeson the house in which he lived previous to his removal to Fitzwilliam village. His grandfather,



Alexander Maxey, settled in Attleborough in 1721. Levi was the second son of Josiah Maxey and married Ruth, daughter of Jacob Newell, and settled in his native town, where his children were born. He was well advanced in life when he came here, probably to be with his daughter, Mrs. Josiah Morse. He lived here until Mr. Morse left the tavern, when he returned to Attleborough. Three of his sons, Jonathan, Milton and Virgil, were graduates of Brown University, and eminent in literary and professional life. Levi, another son, who possessed superior talents, though not liberally educated, died in the South.

Easman Alexander, son of Elijah, settled on the home farm with his father in 1808. He was emphatically a home man, and never was in a car or stage coach, and very seldom going beyond the limits of the town; but unlike many other home men, he knew the way to the church.

In 1809 or 1810, Robert Fitts of Royalston, Mass., came here with his widowed mother and resided in the Whipple house. Soon after coming here he built a shop on the site now occupied by the old blanket mill. He was a mechanic, and is represented as a very ingenious man and given to making new inventions, and constructed several machines which were propelled by water. This shop was burned in 1825. He married Tryphena Farrar, in 1821, and continued to live here until 1827, when he moved to Mason, and afterwards to New Ipswich, N. H.

Josiah Amadon of Fitzwilliam came into what is now Troy, and worked at shoemaking; but after several years' residence he returned to Fitzwilliam.

Nathan Winch, third son of Caleb, lived on the homestead several years; but after the death of his aged father, he sold the farm to one Derby, and bought of Luke Harris the situation in the village now known as the "Winch place," where he lived until his death.

Elijah Harrington settled on the homestead with his parents in 1819, and for a few years devoted his time to farming, occasionally assisting his father in the gristmill; after the death of the latter, having sole charge of it. In 1808, he and his brother Joseph built a carding mill which has already been mentioned, where they carried on business for a few years; afterwards Elijah bought his brother's share, and carried on the business alone until 1840, when he sold the mill to Charles Coolidge, who took it down, as it interfered with the operation of his pail shop which was on the opposite side of the stream.

Caleb Perry purchased the farm formerly owned by Silas Fife, in May, 1810. He was born in Fitchburg, Mass., about 1773, and married Deborah Fairbanks, of Holliston, Mass., in 1798. After a residence of about twenty years, he removed to Alstead, having sold his farm to his son-in-law, Abel Baker. In 1833, the family were attacked with typhoid fever, and all died except Mr. Perry and one son. He subsequently lived in Temple and Athol, Mass., where he died in October, 1849.

Joseph Alexander, son of Gideon, settled upon the farm purchased of Zalmon Howe, where he always lived.

Elias Mann, son of Theodore, married Betsey Butler in 1811, and although he frequently changed locations, spent a large proportion of his life in Troy.

Daniel W. Farrar, eighth son of Phineas, came here in 1800, and was employed as a clerk in the store of Jonas Robeson seven years. In 1805, Robeson moved to Fitzwilliam and left him in charge for a time; he then formed a partnership with him and carried on the business until 1813, when he bought out Mr. Robeson's share and took sole charge of the store. About this time he formed a partnership with Curtis Coolidge, which continued for about three years, when he took the entire business and

conducted the same until about 1843, when he was succeeded by his son, David W., and John Whittemore, Jr., from Fitzwilliam. At this time he resided in the Garey tavern. In 1835, he moved the old store, built by Robeson, a little back and built the brick store now owned by C. W. Whitney. Robeson established this store in 1793, and there has been a store in operation upon this spot



STORE OF C. W. WHITNEY.

continuously for over one hundred years. After giving up his store, he devoted most of his time to farming, and lived in the house now occupied by C. D. Farrar, which was built in 1836. For more than fifty years he was one of the most enterprising men of the town, and probably no one exerted a greater influence. He was very active in the movement which led to the formation of the town of Troy, and it was mainly through his exertions that the act was accomplished, as will be seen by referring to the account of its incorporation. His name is identified with almost every public act, and although his position at times may have been violently assailed, yet all seemed willing to give him credit for strict integrity and of acting

from the best of motives. In some respects he was a remarkable man, and few with the same early advantages would have made so conspicuous a mark in life. He possessed good native talent, an active mind, and was quick of apprehension, but his school advantages were very limited. But he had a mind for improvement and an energy which enabled him to overcome the most formidable obstacles, and to make up in good measure the deficiency in his early school advantages. Every day was a practical school to him; he kept his books by his side, but instead of gathering from them a few theories without a knowledge of their application, like many of our modern scholars, he used them, as was once said by a noted divine, as soldiers to assist him in fighting the battle of life. He made his books contribute to his business capacity, and in all his studies, "*cui bono?*" was his earnest inquiry. Thus his education was highly practical and thus will account for his success in life.

Luna Starkey, eighth son of Peter, married Hannah White, in the early part of this year and lived a short time in the house with his father. In 1813, he bought of Ebenezer Saunders the farm upon which the latter had lived some years, where he lived until his death.

This year, also, Isaac Lawrence, fourth son of Jonathan, built the house on the Levi L. Pierce place, and resided there some four or five years, when he moved to Vermont. His wife was Polly Lebourveau of Keene.

Capt. James Godfrey, a shoemaker, came here from Lancaster, Mass., but at what time is not known. He married a Goodwin. In 1813, he sold his house to Salmon Whittemore and moved to Fitzwilliam.

Salmon Whittemore of Royalston, Mass., came here in 1812 and purchased the farm afterwards owned by A. S. Clark. Levi Haskell had owned the farm some years



previous, selling the same to Whittemore and moving to Fitzwilliam. The latter lived here about a year, then bought Capt. Godfrey's house and moved to the village. In his earlier years he had learned the clothiers' trade, and April 1, 1815, bought of Jonathan Wood of Fitzwilliam, the fulling mill which had been owned by Thomas Benney. For this he paid \$1600, but the mill was old and the timbers so decayed that the following year he took the mill down and built a new one on the same spot. Mr. Whittemore is said to have been a skillful workman, and that he was much esteemed by his fellow citizens is evident from the various offices to which he was promoted by their suffrages.

April, 1812, Daniel Ball, a native of Holden, Mass., came from Marlborough, where he settled in 1786, and bought of Simeon Brooks the Abraham Brooks farm on West Hill, afterwards owned by Stephen Harris. He was a farmer and resided there until his death.

Luke Harris, son of Christopher, married and moved into the house with his father, about this time, living there a few years when he moved into the Whipple house. He bought the farm on which Josiah Lawrence first settled, in 1818, and lived there about six years, selling out to William Lawrence and moving to the Thomas Tolman house. In 1825, he built a house for Salmon Whittemore. A few years after he bought the pail mill built by Moses Curtis and commenced making pails. Shortly after this he bought the house built by Jonathan B. French and lived there until 1836, when he sold the pail shop to Charles Coolidge, and his house to Nathan Winch, and built the house now owned by E. P. Kimball. This year he bought of Elijah Harrington the gristmill and water privilege, which is the site now occupied by the old blanket mill. The next year he took the gristmill down

and commenced immediately to build a factory, which was completed the following year, and used to manufacture woolen cloth. He moved to Sterling, Mass., in 1841, and after residing there five years he went to Richmond; and in 1858, he moved to Nelson, where he died.

Early in the spring of 1812, Constant Weaver came with his family from the state of Rhode Island, and bought the tavern of Josiah Morse. He kept the tavern about two years, when he sold it to Elnathan Gorham and returned to Rhode Island. During this time he constructed a pottery near the tavern, which was the first establishment of the kind in town. Several unsuccessful attempts to find clay, of a suitable quality for manufacturing ware, were made before the right material was obtained, which was found near what is now the brick yard, and where the requisite supply was obtained. Mr. Weaver did little work himself, but committed the management of the pottery to his son, who did not make a success of it and consequently but little was accomplished.

Sylvester P. Flint came here this year from Fitchburg and bought the Ball tavern and farm of one Fuller, who obtained them of Christopher Harris. He did not advertise to keep a public house, although he occasionally entertained travelers who had previously been accustomed to stop there. It is quite probable that he was considerable of a business man, as he was chosen one of the selectmen of the town in the years 1815, 1816 and 1818, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1818. He moved to Keene in 1821.

Elnathan Gorham was a clothier by trade and was settled in Chesterfield, but being desirous of changing his business he came here and bought the tavern of Weaver, continuing the public house in which he did an active business for several years. He removed to Ohio in 1820,

where he died Sept. 20, 1824. He was a very enterprising and public spirited man, and while here he took a deep interest in the prosperity of the town.

In October of this year, Pelatiah Hodgkins, son of Hezekiah, married and settled on the home farm, where he always resided.

In 1815, Nathan Newell, son of Jacob Newell, Jr., built part of the house now occupied by E. P. Kimball. He had married and resided some time previous in what was the Warren store. He was a blacksmith by trade, and his shop stood where Mrs. C. W. Brown's stable now stands. In 1818, he sold this house to William Stearns and moved into the house then owned by Solomon Goddard, where he lived about one year, when he moved to Richmond.

This year, Lyman Wright bought the Warren stand and the Winch tanyard of David White and Joshua Harrington, who had obtained them of Warren at the time he left town. He was a native of Fitzwilliam, and learned the trade of tanner and currier in Templeton. He soon built a new tannery, which stood nearly over the stream and a little lower down than the Silsby tannery. Some years after he moved this building a few feet up the stream, and towards the north, putting an addition on the east end, which was the one burned a few years since. While he was building his tannery and making the necessary arrangements for housekeeping, he boarded with Col. Farrar, but after his marriage he lived in what was the Warren tavern, which was not changed much until 1841, when he covered the frame with brick walls and remodeled the inside. The store which had been attached to the north end of the tavern he removed around to the south and made it into a dwelling house. In 1836 he built the sawmill, afterwards owned by Charles Carpenter,

and which stood near the site of the present Troy Blanket Mills, and also the house owned by Carpenter. At this time the only road to the premises was a common footpath; the road by the mill and across the pond to the Jaffrey road was not laid out until about 1850. Col. Wright was an active and enterprising man, and held various offices, both civil and military, and was much esteemed by his fellow citizens.

In December of this year, Stephen Farrar, third son of George, married and settled on the farm now owned by Walter Elliot. The buildings on the farm were constructed for him by his father, and he resided there until March 15, 1831, when he exchanged farms with Timothy Kendall, and came to the village to live, on the farm now owned by Mrs. A. W. Whitcomb.

Calvin Davis of Hancock came here this year and built a house on the site now occupied by the one owned by the Troy Blanket Mills, and known as the Chapman house. The north room on the first floor was finished for a store; the remainder of the building was used as a tenement. Mr. Davis traded here until 1820, when having become somewhat embarrassed in his business he sold his location to—Holbrook from Keene, who continued the store.



## CHAPTER V.

### REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY.

AN ACCOUNT OF THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.—

BENJAMIN TOLMAN.—EZEKIEL MIXER.—JACOB NEWELL, JR.—PEARSON NEWELL.—JAMES BREWER.—JOHN FARRAR, JR.—JOSEPH AND WILLIAM FARRAR.—JAMES DEAN.—PETER STARKEY.—THE ASSOCIATION TEST.—CONTINENTAL CURRENCY.—ALARM LIST.

The American Revolution is one of the most interesting events in modern history. In this event, feeble colonies, amidst want, poverty and misfortune, without an army or navy, and without the munitions and implements of war, boldly stepped forth and successfully combated the veteran armies of a powerful and oppressive nation, impelled by the spirit of liberty, and directed by an overshadowing Providence. It is but proper that we should consider how the inhabitants of what is now the town of Troy stood affected in relation to that contest. On the 19th of April, 1775, when the clarion of war first sounded upon the fields of Lexington and Concord, there were probably not more than twenty-five male inhabitants over twenty-one years of age, within these limits, capable of bearing arms. The region was sparsely populated, and most of these were heads of families, who had but recently settled upon this wild land; and if they had been ever so much inclined to exchange the field for the camp, they could only have done so at the expense of bringing upon their families almost unendurable suffering, for it was extremely difficult for them to provide food and clothing for themselves and those dependent upon them. There are no stronger claims, of an earthly nature, upon

man's services than those of the family. Next to these stand those of his country, and justice and humanity forbid that the former should be sacrificed to the latter. Hence the small number of enlistments should not be attributed to a want of patriotism, or to indifference in respect to the great interests of the country, for it would be difficult to find men more ardently attached to liberty and to the leading measures of the day than were the early settlers of this town.

In most instances in which it was possible to make such an arrangement as to protect the family from extreme suffering, the opportunity was gladly improved, and the father laid aside the hoe and the plow, and hurried to the assistance of his countrymen who were struggling amidst scenes of conflict and blood. The following are the names of those who are supposed to have entered the American army from the limits of this town.

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| Benjamin Tolman,   | Pearson Newell,   |
| Jacob Newell, Jr., | James Brewer,     |
| Ezekiel Mixer,     | John Farrar, Jr., |
| Peter Starkey.     |                   |

Benjamin Tolman was the first to respond, and took an active part in the battle which opened the bloody conflict. On receiving information of the threatened invasion, he seized his musket and marched for the scene of war. On the way he was joined by others on a like expedition, arriving in season to dispute the progress of the British forces at Lexington. He joined in the pursuit of the enemy on their retreat, and in the battle of Bunker Hill he was in the thickest of the fight. In a hand-to-hand conflict, his gun was wrenched from him by a British soldier; but he stood his ground, defending himself with the weapons Nature had furnished him, until his captain, seeing his condition, quickly brought him another musket,

with which he continued to fight until ordered to retreat.

Mr. Tolman was paid by the State for articles lost in the battle, as follows: "For shoes 1s.; for stockings 2s.; for trousers 2s. 6d.; for shirts 5s.; for sundries 2s." He was in the army about two and a half years, being on duty at various stations, and receiving a compensation of £4 10s. per month. The last battle in which he was engaged was that of Bennington, where he passed through one of the most trying scenes of his military life. Ezekiel Mixer, his companion in arms, and the one who had been his most intimate friend for two years, received his death-wound while fighting by his side. Mr. Tolman bore him from the field and closed his dying eyes. His term of service having expired, Sept. 25, 1777, he retired from the army and resumed his labors on the farm.

Ezekiel Mixer has been mentioned as being among the first to break the gloom of the wilderness, and to select a site for a habitation within what are now the limits of Troy. He was also among the first to strike for liberty and the suppression of British rule in America. As soon as he learned of the threatening attitude of the British, in company with his friend, Mr. Tolman, he hastened to Lexington, and both there and at Bunker Hill he fought by his side, exhibiting bravery known only among those who are fighting for their lives and homes. He served in the same company and by the side of his friend over two years, sharing with him his pleasures and suffering, and between them an ardent attachment was formed. But the time was hastening when the ties that united them were to be severed forever. In the summer of 1777, Gen. Burgoyne, at the head of a large army, advanced southward from Canada, by way of Crown Point and Ticonderoga, with the view of coöperating with Sir Henry

Clinton, who at this time held possession of New York, hoping to cut in two the American forces in New England and the Middle States. Burgoyne had scarcely reached the valley of the Hudson, when he found his stores of provision failing, and having received information that the Americans had collected provisions, cattle and horses at Bennington, he sent a detachment under Lieut.-Col. Baume "to scour the country," to capture these supplies, to test the disposition of the people, and to levy contributions on the towns. With this detachment was a considerable body of Hessians, Tories and Indians. Among other things, Baume was directed to bring back to Burgoyne at least 1300 horses. But the British commander entirely misapprehended the temper of the people. Intelligence of this expedition reaching the vigilant Stark, he prepared to give the enemy an unwelcomed reception. On the 13th of August, Baume was rapidly advancing upon Bennington, but to his surprise found that Stark's command was contesting his advance and preparing for battle; he halted and formed entrenchments upon the borders of the town. The 15th being rainy, neither party was disposed to commence an engagement. But on the morning of the 16th the storm had passed, and the sun shone brightly upon the distant hills, and Stark determined to attack the enemy in his entrenchments. With his keen eye he scanned the ground, formed his plans, and assigned to each subordinate officer a particular part in the bold and daring enterprise. Stark attacked vigorously in front, exhibiting great sagacity and self-possession. When the troops were drawn out ready for the attack, Gen. Stark addressed them in this laconic speech: "There are the red-coats; we must flog them or Molly Stark sleeps a widow this night. Forward, men,—march!" The order was executed by his men, and they rushed with



a hurrah for the breastwork, behind which were the Tories, and where was the most desperate resistance. The men rushed to the breastwork to the very muzzles of the guns, many of them scaling it, while others went round to join the flanking parties who had driven the Germans from their entrenchments, and all joined in a hand-to-hand encounter with the Tories, with bayonets and clubbed muskets. After two hours of hard fighting the battle was practically won. In this desperate struggle, Mixer, who had exhibited his accustomed bravery, was observed to fall, and his friend carried him from the field to a rude shelter, where it was found that a musket ball had penetrated his body, causing a mortal wound. He lingered in great agony until morning, when he expired, and Mr. Tolman was left to convey the sad intelligence to his distant relatives.

Jacob Newell, Jr., was the eldest son of Jacob Newell, of whom some account has been given. At what time he entered the army is uncertain. It is quite probable that he was one of the company enlisted in this vicinity by Capt. James Reed of Fitzwilliam, who on the 26th of April, 1775, was commissioned a colonel by the Committee of Safety of Massachusetts, with "beating orders." There is no tradition of his having been in the battle of Bunker Hill, but he joined the expedition that was fitted out against Canada, and was stationed several months at Ticonderoga. He was under St. Clair in his retreat to Fort Edward, and from thence he accompanied the main body of the army to the islands at the mouth of the Mohawk. It is quite probable that he was in the two battles of Stillwater, and that he witnessed the surrender of the British army under Burgoyne. It is said he was in the army five years, but as no records were kept by his family, it is difficult to trace his military operations.

Pearson Newell was the second son of Jacob, and joined the army at Cambridge, in May, 1775. The tradition of the family is that he was not a volunteer, but was drafted soon after his brother enlisted. Whether so or not he was a member of Capt. Jonathan Whitcomb's company and fought under that officer at the battle of Bunker Hill, where it appears that he sustained the loss of his gun, powderhorn and cartridge box, for which he was afterwards allowed by the State £2 14s. Shortly after this he was joined to a small detachment under the command of Lieut. Elijah Clay, but on the 11th of September following, he was ordered with others to report himself again to Capt. Whitcomb, but sudden death prevented his complying with the order.

From the record of the acts of the first settlers of the town it would seem that in every enterprise, calling for an exhibition of pure patriotism, disinterested benevolence and the characteristics of a good citizen, the name of James Brewer stands conspicuous. The records of Marlborough and Fitzwilliam fully attest to the value of his public services as a citizen, but very little is known concerning his military career. He was in the army about three years, during which time he must not only have witnessed, but participated in many of the scenes which form an interesting period in the history of the country. The battle of Lexington, while it foreshadowed the most fearful results, and spread consternation among the weak and timid, only served to rouse the patriots to the highest pitch of indignation. Expresses were sent to every town, and the call "to arms," resounded from every hill and valley. At that time, Capt. Benjamin Mann, one of the most devoted patriots of Keene, organized a company of volunteers, and in a short time, at the head of a respectable body of soldiers, he took up the line of march for the

scene of war. James Brewer was chosen 1st Lieutenant of this company. Capt. Mann was able to be on duty but a small proportion of the time, owing to advanced age and feeble health, consequently in his absence the command devolved upon Lieut. Brewer. This company reached Charlestown on the 17th of June, and participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill, although engaged late in the action. Lieut. Brewer was paid 6s 11d for the loss of a pair of shoes in the battle. Lieut. Brewer was not an idle man, and his best energies were devoted to the service of his country. He was attached to the New Hampshire brigade under Gen. Sullivan, and was stationed at Winter Hill through most of the summer of 1775. After the arrival of Washington on the second of July, Lieut. Brewer was employed in various movements planned by that illustrious man, and he remained in the vicinity of Boston till some time after its evacuation by the British in March, 1776. He was in Capt. James Lewis' company of Col. Enoch Hale's regiment, which marched from New Hampshire, June 29, 1777, under command of Lieut. Col. Thomas Heald, to reinforce the garrison at Ticonderoga, where he was stationed several months, and it is quite probable that he was in the battle of Stillwater.

John Farrar, Jr., son of Maj. John Farrar, entered the army in 1781, as appears from the following statement.

To Mr. Thompson, Secretary for the Honorable Assembly of New Hampshire, Greeting:

Agreeable to the order of Court April 7, 1781 Requiring of us to make a return of our Soldiers in the Continental Army by the 10th of June next, which soldiers' names are as follows viz. John Barker and Joseph Fassett engaged during the War some years ago.

The names of those engaged last March for the term of three years next ensuing the date are as follows viz. Stephen Richardson, John Farrar, Stephen White, Daniel Gould, Jr., and James Foster which have

been mustered before the Superintendent at Keene soon after their engagements, as will be made to appear to you by his returns.

Joseph Nichols, Levi Brigham, Josiah Hartwell, Selectmen For Fitzwilliam.

Fitzwilliam, May the 28th, 1781.

#### FITZWILLIAM.

- 1 John Barker never joined.
- 2 Joseph Fassett Deserted 1780.
- 3 Stephen Richardson Must. Feb. 23, 1781.
- 4 John Farrar " Apr. 3, "
- 5 Stephen White " Feb. 27, "
- 6 Daniel Gould, Jr. " Feb. 23, "
- 7 James Foster " Feb. 23, "
- 8 Rufus Patrick July 15, 1782. Must. by B. Ellis.

Certified Nov. 7, 1775.

Those enlisting in 1781 were for three years, or the war, and each received a bounty of twenty pounds which was paid in specie.

John Farrar had two younger brothers, Joseph and William, who were members of Capt. Nixon's company of Minute Men, in 1775, and probably entered the army from Framingham, the place of their birth. It is said that John possessed a peculiar combination of mental qualities. In addition to a large share of commonsense, he had ready wit, a keen perception of the ludicrous, and none better enjoyed a good joke. These characteristics, together with his great mirthfulness, rendered him a particular favorite with the soldiers; and whenever they wished to carry out any particular plot, requiring the agency of a rogue, he was just the man, for his great shrewdness was a pretty sure guaranty of success. And it would not be surprising, if at that period of life he would sometimes gratify his love of fun at the expense of moral principle. The good lady, on seeing her best goose chasing the young soldier, who to appearance was vainly striving to



escape from the fierce attacks of his enraged antagonist, was quite ready to assure him that the fowl was very harmless, and would soon give over the pursuit, but continuing until distance obscured the view, she came to the conclusion that an evil spirit had unfortunately taken possession of the animal. But had she seen the line, to which were attached the hook and bait which the unsuspecting goose had swallowed, and was thereby involuntarily pursuing the fugitive, she would doubtless have been impressed with the fact that evil spirits, sometimes at least, assume the human form. And could she have looked a little farther and seen the soldiers exulting over their ill-gotten repast, she might have been filled with the greatest indignation, unless peradventure her love of country was paramount to all things else, and she consoled herself with the consciousness of having contributed a mite to the patriot cause. Mr. Farrar resided in Fitzwilliam some years after the war, but eventually moved to South Hadley, where he died, March 20, 1809.

James Dean also served in the war of the Revolution as shown by the following abstracts taken from the Record Index to the Revolutionary War Archives in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Appears with rank of Private on Muster Roll of Capt. Jacob Miller's Co., Col. Ephm. Doolittle's Regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775—Enlisted April 25 1775—Service 3 mos. 16 days. Residence, Monadnock, No. 5.

Appears with rank of Private on Company Return of Capt. Miller's Co., Col. Doolittle's Regt., dated Winter Hill, Oct. 6, 1775.

Appears among signatures to an order for Bounty Coat or its equivalent in money, due for the Eight Months Service in 1775, in Capt. Jacob Miller's Co., Col. Ephraim Doolittle's (24th) Regt., dated Winter Hill, Oct. 31, 1775—Payable to Lieut. Samuel Burbank—Encamped at Winter Hill.

Dr. Caverly states that Caleb Winch served in the Revolutionary army, but his name has not been identified in

the Revolutionary Rolls, and the tradition concerning him is not sufficiently definite to justify placing his name in the foregoing list.

Peter Starkey was in the army but a few weeks. He was drafted just before the battle of Bennington. He was in Colonel Nichols' regiment at the battles of Bennington and Stillwater. Soon after this, for some reason, he obtained his discharge and returned home.

Toryism had become so rife in the Colonies, that in March, 1776, the Continental Congress took measures to disarm all persons who were notoriously opposed to the cause of America. They passed a resolution on the subject, a copy of which was transmitted to all the Colonies. The Committee of Safety for New Hampshire, under the leadership of Hon. Meshach Weare, immediately sent to the several towns a copy of this resolution, and also a pledge of loyalty for the citizens of each town to sign. This pledge was called the "Association Test;" all those who refused to sign it were supposed to be Tories, and were looked upon by their neighbors with suspicion.

The circular was as follows:

COLONY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, &C.

COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

April 12, 1776.

To the Selectmen of Monadnock, No. five: In order to carry the underwritten RESOLVE of the Honorable Continental Congress into execution, you are requested to desire all Males above twenty-one years of age, (lunatics, idiots, and negroes excepted,) to sign the DECLARATION on this paper, and when done, to make return thereof together with the name, or names of all who shall refuse to sign the same to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, or Committee of Safety of this Colony.

M. WEARE, Chairman.

IN CONGRESS, March 14th, 1776.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United States immediately to cause all persons to be disarmed within their respective

Colonies, who are *notoriously* disaffected to the cause of AMERICA, or who have not associated and refused to associate to defend by ARMS the United Colonies against the hostile attempts of the British Fleet and Armies.

Extract from the minutes,

CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.

In consequence of the above Resolution of the Continental CONGRESS, and to show our determination in joining our American brethren in defending the lives, liberties and properties of the inhabitants of the UNITED COLONIES: We, the *subscribers*, do hereby solemnly engage and promise that we will to the utmost of our power, at the risk of our lives and fortunes, with ARMS oppose the hostile proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies against the United American COLONIES.

This was signed by the following persons, and duly returned by the selectmen:

|                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Benjamin Tucker,   | David Wheeler,              |
| Jonathan Frost,    | John Felton,                |
| Thomas Riggs,      | Richard Tozer,              |
| Abijah Tucker,     | Daniel Emerson,             |
| Eliphalet Stone,   | Daniel Goodenow,            |
| Benoni Robbins,    | Thaddeas Hastings,          |
| Phineas Park,      | Reuben Ward,                |
| Silas Fife,        | Elnathan Newton,            |
| Abel Woodard,      | Jonah Harrington,           |
| Benjamin Goodenow, | William Adams,              |
| Berodick Webber,   | Jedediah Tayntor,           |
| Samuel Bishop,     | William Tenney,             |
| John McBride,      | Richard Robbards,           |
| Daniel Collins,    | Ebenezer Rhodes,            |
| Joseph Cutting,    | James Brewer,               |
| James Lewis,       | Solomon Woodward,           |
| Joseph Collins,    | James Flood,                |
| James Field,       | David Dufer,                |
| Isaac McAllester,  | His<br>Abraham X Brooks.    |
| Timothy Biemies,   | Mark.<br>Jonathan Goodenow, |
| Ebenezer Hixson,   | Daniel Cutting,             |
| John Tozer,        | David Thurston.             |
| Stephen Woodard,   | Jacob Newell,               |

Moses Tucker,  
Oliver Wright,

Robert Converse,  
Theodore Mann.

Monadnock, No. Five, July, ye 9th, 1776.

In obedience to the within Riten we have ofered the same to all our inhabitants and they have all sined excepting those whose names are heare under Riten:

William Barker,  
Richard Atwell,  
Jonathan Shaw.

Icabard Shaw,  
Daniel Lawrence.

|                  |                |           |
|------------------|----------------|-----------|
| BENJAMIN TUCKER, | } Selectmen of |           |
| THOMAS RIGGS,    |                | Monadnock |
| ELIPHALET STONE, |                | No. Five. |

Of this number, Silas Fife, Joseph Cutting, David Wheeler, Reuben Ward, Jonah Harrington, Richard Robbards, James Brewer, Daniel Cutting, Jacob Newell, Theodore Mann, William Barker, Jonathan Shaw, Icabard Shaw and Daniel Lawrence, lived on territory now included in Troy.

Tradition tells us that William Barker, although he refused to affix his name to this resolution, was not a Tory at heart, but, holding an office under the king, and not knowing which party would in the end become victorious, withheld his name rather as a matter of prudence than from any disaffection towards the cause of the colonists.

Richard Atwell so far overcome his scruples that he enlisted and joined the army at Rhode Island. Jonathan and Icabard Shaw were probably Tories indeed; but, knowing that the sharp eye of the Committee of Safety was upon them, they remained quiet and peaceable, and as such were undisturbed. Daniel Lawrence is said to have been at the Battle of Bunker Hill, but why he refused to sign his name to this resolution is a mystery that cannot be solved.

A similar circular was sent to the town of Fitzwilliam, but the return, if ever made, has been lost.



Few of the particular accounts and vouchers appertaining to the expenses of Fitzwilliam in the Revolutionary War can now be found, and probably most of them



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were destroyed by fire in 1785. The following are copies of those that have been preserved.

State of New Hampshire                  to the Selectmen of Fitzwilliam Dr.  
1779, July. To cash paid Joseph Fassett & Joseph Muzzy, two soldiers  
inlisted in the Continental Army for one year.

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| State Bounty £60 each. | £120. |
|------------------------|-------|

Received an order on the Treasurer for One Hundred and twenty pounds.  
per JOHN MELLEN, one of the Selectmen.

State of New Hampshire                      to the Selectmen of Fitzwilliam Dr.  
1779, July 18. To cash paid Daniel Gould a soldier inlisted in Col.  
Mooney's Regiment for the defence of Rhode Island, six months.  
Bounty £30. Travel 90 miles to Providence £9. pr Rect  
£39-0-0

Received an order on the Treasurer for Thirty Nine pounds.  
pr JOHN MELLEN, one of the Selectmen.

An account of Town Bounties paid by the Town of

Fitzwilliam to the following soldiers inlisted in the Continental Army for three years. Viz.:

|           |   |            |
|-----------|---|------------|
| 1777 Feb. | Amos Boynton Capt. Cleaves Co.          | £24. 0. 0. |
| "         | Zadock Dodge Do.                        | 30.        |
| "         | John Dodge "                            | 24.        |
| "         | Peter Barbe (Burpee) 14. 8. 0.          |            |
| 1778      | Do. 9. 12. 0.                           | 24.        |
| 1777      | Peter Barbe, Jun. 14. 8. 0.             |            |
| 1778      | Do. 9. 12. 0.                           | 24.        |
|           | Daniel Squire Capt. Claves Co. 9. 0. 0. |            |

Fitzwilliam, Jan. 1780. The above soldiers inlisted for the town of Fitzwilliam, and were paid the several sums set against their names.

Attest John Mellen Selectmen.

Sworn to at Exeter March 9, 1780 before James Belton.

#### From the Fitzwilliam town accounts:

|                  |           |          |
|------------------|-----------|----------|
| Amos Boynton     | £21-16-10 |          |
| Zadock Dodge     | 18-12     |          |
| John Dodge       | 14-17- 7  |          |
| Peter Burpee     | 10-16- 2  |          |
| Peter Burpee Jr. | 10-16- 2  | £76-18-9 |

July 16, 1782. Gave a certificate to James Reed per order from the Selectmen.

#### FITZWILLIAM ACCOUNT.

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Pay roll to Cambridge in 1775 | £32-19    |
| Do. to Royalton               | 5-11-6    |
|                               | £38-10-6. |

#### Record of town returns:

#### MARLBOROUGH.

Calvin Goodenow Absent July 7, 1777. discharged  
 Timothy Rogers no return Jacob Whittier no return  
 Adino Goodenow discharged Dec. 18, 1778 by Gen. Poor  
 Shem Kentfield recruit hanged 1782 June (Must. Apr. 16, 81)  
 Ebenezer Goodenow recruit March 21, 1781 John Wilson war  
 Allen Runnels war Samuel Lyon war

State of New Hampshire to the Selectmen of Marlborough Dr.  
 1779 July 19th. To paid Elijah Park a soldier inlisted in Col. Hercules  
 Mooney's Regiment raised for the defence of Rhode Island  
 and mustered by Col. Enoch Hale.  
 Bounty £30. Travel to Providence £10. per rec't 40-0-0  
 Rec'd an order to Discount with the Treasurer for forty  
 pounds in behalf of the Selectmen of Marlborough.

BENJ. TUCKER.

State of New Hampshire to the Selectmen of Marlborough Dr.  
 1779 July 27. To paid Oliver Wright a soldier inlisted in one of the  
 New Hampshire Regiments in the Continental Service for  
 one year, mustered by Col. Enoch Hale.  
 Bounty by receipt £60.  
 Rec'd an order on the Treasurer forty six pounds, in  
 behalf of the Selectmen of Marlborough. JOHN MELLEN.

State of New Hampshire to the Selectmen of Marlborough Dr.  
 1779 July 29. Paid James Lewis a soldier for one year in one of the  
 New Hampshire Regiments in the Continental service—Mus-  
 tered by Col. Enoch Hale.  
 Bounty per receipt £60.—  
 Rec'd an order for the Treasurer to Discount sixty pounds  
 in behalf of the Selectmen of Marlborough. BENJ. TUCKER.

To the Honorable General Court of the State of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen the town of Marlborough was called upon for six men to  
 engage for three years which men the town made out to acceptance of our  
 head Colonel as our proportion of Continental men Jabez McBride Reuben  
 McAlester and Timothy Rogers Received no money of the town as a hire.

Adino Goodenow Calvin Goodenow and Fradorick freeman have Re-  
 ceived twenty pounds Each as town Bounty which the town Paid the  
 tenth Day of April A. D. 17— In July 1779 the town hired two men  
 more for to serve in the Continental army for the term of one year gave  
 to Capt. James Lewis as a hire 130 Bushels of Rie and forty pounds of  
 money Russel Oliver Received 120 Bushels of Rie and forty pounds of  
 money this Being the whole that the town of Marlborough hath paid to  
 the Continental Soldiers which they had to Raise from January the 1,  
 1777 to January ye 1, 1780.

Marlborough Febuary the 9th 1780.

DAVID WHEELER } Selectmen of  
 OLIVER WRIGHT } Marlborough

To the Secretary of the State of New Hampshire.

Sir the following is a Return of the Men that the Town of Marlborough hath in the field—Calvin Goodenow, Timothy Rogers, Jacob Whitter, and Adino Goodenow was hired By the Town of Marlborough During the war and was Discharged when he was in good health for Reasons unkone to them and the Town think it hard to hire another in his Rome.

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|---------------|---|-------------|
| JEDH TAYNTOR  | } | Selectmen   |
| OLIVER WRIGHT |   | for         |
| DAVID WHEELER |   | Marlborough |

May ye 20th 1782

To the Honourable the Committee of Safety of the State of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen in obedience to a precept Received From the honourable the General Court to procure our Cota of Continental men we have yoused our utmost Endeavors to procure said men ourselves we Emeadeately Called a town meeting and chose a Committee for that purpose which Committee has made a Return that they cannot procure said men without paying such a Large Sum of hard money in hand to procure said men that it puts the matter beyond our power to procure said men upon so short Notice we therefore Begg Leave to Inform your honours that it is not in Disobedience to the precept but it is the Extream Scarcity of hard money in this New town has put it out of our power at present to yield that obedience that we should have been glad to have done—N. B. We would inform your honours that we have one man Now in the field that he was not Creadited for Last year viz Calvin Goodenow who was hired in ye year 1777 by this town to serve for said town during the war and at the avacation of ticonderoga he was taken prisoner and Never joined his Regt till last may and since that he Diserted and was Last march taken up and is Now in the first Regt in the hampshire Line

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|-----------------|---|-------------|
| JAMES BREWER    | } | Selectmen   |
| JAMES FLOOD     |   | of          |
| EBENEZER TEMPLE |   | Marlborough |
| SILAS FIFE      |   |             |
| DANIEL CUTTING  |   |             |

It would seem that up to 1780, the town had spent but little in paying bounties to soldiers, and that those who had enlisted, had done so more from a sense of duty

and love of country than for the sake of obtaining a bounty. But after that time the extreme scarcity of hard money rendered it difficult to procure men for the service.

In 1775, Congress had issued bills of credit to the amount of two millions of dollars. This was soon followed by another of one million. The confederated colonies were pledged for their redemption, each to provide means to pay its proportion by the year 1779. Twenty millions were issued in eighteen months, when they began to depreciate in value. At first the depreciation was slight, but they continued to lose in value daily. Congress, desirous of arresting the growing depreciation, resorted to loans and taxes, but it was difficult to negotiate for the loans, and the taxes could not always be collected. Pressed with the necessities of an army, Congress was obliged to continue to issue bills after they had begun to depreciate, and to pay that depreciation by increasing the sums emitted; so that in fifteen years, the amount in circulation was about two hundred millions.

The progress of this diminution is worthy of notice. At the close of the year 1777, the depreciation was two or three for one; in 1778, five or six for one; in 1779, twenty-seven or twenty-eight for one; in 1780, fifty or sixty for one in the first five months. After this date the circulation of these bills was limited; but when they passed they soon depreciated to one hundred and fifty for one, and finally several hundred for one. Several causes contributed to diminish the value of the Continental currency. The excess in quantity at first caused a natural decline in value, which was increased by the enemy who counterfeited the bills and spread the forgeries through the States. These causes, coöperating with the decline of public confidence, rapidly increased the decline, until bills of credit, or what was commonly called "Continental money,"



became of little value. The evils resulting from this system were immense. From this fact it became extremely difficult to raise an army and provide for its subsistence. At the same time it originated discontent among the officers and soldiers, since their pay in this depreciated currency was inadequate to the support of their families. "Four months' pay of a private would not procure his family a single bushel of wheat, and the pay of a colonel would not purchase oats for his horse."

After the Declaration of Independence in July, 1776, it was determined to maintain the same at all hazards, and a new militia system became necessary, and in the September following, an act was passed by the Legislature for forming and regulating the militia within the State of New Hampshire in New England. This provided for two classes of soldiers—a Training Band and an Alarm List. The entire male population, negroes, Indians, and a few of the highest civil and judicial officers excepted, between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five, were to be enrolled.

The Training Band included all males between the ages of sixteen and fifty, with the exceptions noted above; and each of these men was required to furnish himself with the following articles, and keep the same at all times ready for use—viz: A good firearm, good ramrod, a worm, priming wire and brush, a bayonet fitted to his gun, a scabbard and belt therefor, and a cutting sword, or a tomahawk or hatchet, a pouch containing a cartridge box that will hold fifteen rounds of cartridges at least, a hundred buckshot, a jackknife and tow for wadding, six flints, one pound of powder, forty leaden bullets fitted to his gun, a knapsack, and a blanket, a canteen or wooden bottle sufficient to hold one quart. Each town was to provide and deposit in some safe place for use in case of an alarm, a specified number of spades or shovels, axes

and picks, and to provide arms and equipments for those unable to provide for themselves; and parents, masters or guardians were to provide for those under their care. Each company was to muster eight times a year, including the regimental musters.

The Alarm List or Minute Men included all males between sixteen and sixty-five, not included in the Training Band, and who were not exempted by this act. The Alarm was to be given by firing three guns, one after the other; by firing the beacon, or the drums beating the alarm.

The officers and soldiers, in case of being called forth for an emergency, were each to furnish himself with at least three days' provisions, and the selectmen of their towns were immediately to cause carriages to attend them, with further necessary provisions, and utensils to cook the same.

Military watches, or guards, were to be appointed by the commissioned officers of each town, or by the commanding officers, in such numbers and at such times and places as were designated; and all persons in the Training Band or Alarm List, under sixty years of age, were required to do watch duty. Penalties were attached for disobedience or neglect, and all fines were to be paid to the selectmen or treasurers of the towns in which the delinquents had their residence.

This act continued in operation during the most critical part of the war. Troops were raised by voluntary enlistments; but when these did not furnish the quotas, the Council and House of Representatives, or Committee of Safety, ordered a specific number of men to be raised in each regiment. This number was apportioned among the several companies of the regiment, and the companies being paraded, the draft was made under the direction of their commanding officers.

A census of the inhabitants of Fitzwilliam made in 1773, showed the following results:

|  |       |    |
|--|-------|----|
| Unmarried men between 16 and 60, . . . . . | 18    |    |
| Married men between 16 and 60, . . . . .   | 44    |    |
| Males under 16, . . . . .                  | 55    |    |
|  | <hr/> |    |
| Total males, . . . . .                     | 117   |    |
| Females, married, . . . . .                | 44    |    |
| Females, unmarried, . . . . .              | 53    |    |
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| Total females, . . . . .                   | 97    | 97 |
|  | <hr/> |    |
| Total population, . . . . .                | 214   |    |

The returns from Marlborough were as follows:

|   |       |    |
|---|-------|----|
| Unmarried men from 16 to 60 years of age, . . . . . | 9     |    |
| Married men from 16 to 60 years of age, . . . . .   | 16    |    |
| Boys of 16 years and under, . . . . .               | 25    |    |
| Men 60 years and above, . . . . .                   | 1     |    |
| Females, unmarried, . . . . .                       | 26    |    |
| Females, married, . . . . .                         | 16    |    |
| Slaves, . . . . .                                   | 0     |    |
|   | <hr/> |    |
|   |       | 93 |

## CHAPTER VI.

### INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN.

THE PEOPLE DESIRE A NEW TOWN.—REASONS FOR THE SEPARATION.—THEY PETITION TO BE VOTED OFF.—THEIR REQUEST DENIED.—A MEETING HOUSE BUILT.—SUBJECT BROUGHT BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE.—ENCOUNTERS OPPOSITION.—COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION APPOINTED.—HEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.—A CHARTER OBTAINED AND THE TOWN ORGANIZED.

The history thus far given has been mostly limited to portions of the territory of Fitzwilliam, Marlborough, Richmond and Swanzey, for Troy, up to this time, had no political existence. But in 1815, these portions of territory, with the inhabitants thereon, were by legislative enactment incorporated into a separate town. It will be necessary to go back several years for a full understanding of the matter and notice some of the reasons which made the separation desirable on the part of the people, and the means employed to bring it about.

The surface of the territory being so uneven and hilly, and the hills extending in such directions, rendered it inconvenient for the inhabitants of some parts of it to reach the center of their respective towns. At this time, also, the village had attained a considerable size, and had become a place of considerable business, so that it commanded the most of the trade within a radius of two or three miles. The people, having become accustomed to do much of their private business here, very naturally concluded that it would be for their convenience to transact their public business here also. Then again, the village, having been built up on the border of two towns, was

under a divided jurisdiction, and this being the case, the inhabitants felt that their interests, to a certain extent, were divided, which was neither pleasant nor conducive to the prosperity of the place. These were the main reasons urged for an act of incorporation.

The first knowledge we have that the inhabitants of this territory desired a new town was in 1781. In a warrant posted for a town meeting at Marlborough, Feb. 6, 1781, the following article appeared: "to See if the town will vote off part of the South End of Marlborough, and part of Fitzwilliam, and part of Swanzey, and part of Richmond, in order to make a town." The only response to this article was a vote to pass it over. The matter lay dormant for several years, until 1794, when a petition was drawn up and presented to the town of Fitzwilliam, of which the following is a copy.

"To the Inhabitants of ye Town of Fitzwilliams in the County of Cheshire, in Legal Town Meeting assembled, on ye 25th Day of August A. D. 1794.

The Petion of ye Subscribers a Com'tee in behalf of the Inhabitants settled on ye lands included in the 5th, 6th, & 7th Ranges of lotts with the weddge tear, together with a number of lotts of land on the north end of the Town of Fitzwilliams, bounded as followeth, beginning at Writchmond line, including ye 7th lott in the 12th Range; thence east including the 20th lot in ye 9th range; thence east to Jafery line, including all the lands lying north of said line in said Town of Fitzwilliams; Together with a number of lotts at ye southeast corner of Swanzey and ye northeast corner of Writchmond, and a number of lotts from the northwest corner of Writchmond, and number of lotts from the northwest corner of Jaffery, Humbly Sheweth—That by reason of our great distance from ye Hous of Publick worship and other meetings for transaction of Publick business in our respective Towns, upon mature deliberation in publick meeting called for that purpose, think our duty & a reasonable request that we should be incorporated into a distinct town with equal powers and priveledges of other Towns within this State.

Therefore in behalf of said Inhabitants, we humbly request Gentlemen your approbation of ye Same, and that by your vote or grant, you



signify your willingness that we be incorporated by ye General Court into a Distinct Town as afor, all which is humbly Submitted by your obedient Servants—

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| EPHRAIM ROOT,  | } Com'tee. |
| ENOCH STARKEY, |            |
| DANIEL FARRAR, |            |
| JESSE BELOWS,  |            |

Fitzwilliams the 6th of August A. D. 1794."

Fitzwilliams August 6th, 1794.

The subscribers inhabitants of said Town hereby request ye Gentlemen, Selectmen of this Town to insert ye prayer of ye within petition, and make it an Artical in ye warrant for ye next Townmeeting; witness our hands &c.

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Agabus Bishop,     | Edward Foster,          |
| John Sweetland,    | David White,            |
| Ebenezer Mason,    | Ebenezer Nurs,          |
| William Farrar,    | John Write,             |
| Thomas Bruce,      | Abraham Hawkins,        |
| Nathaniel Bucklin, | Nathaniel Bucklin, Jr., |
| Jonas Warren,      | Ezekiel White,          |
| Jonas Robeson,     | Isaac Jackson,          |
| Jonathan Whitney,  | John Jackson,           |
| John Whitney,      | Thomas Tolman,          |
| John Godding,      | Timothy Godding."       |

At a town meeting, shortly after the date of the above petition, the subject was taken into consideration, but the town refused to accede to the prayer of the petitioners. In the year 1800, the subject was again agitated, but the result was a little talk only, which was soon dropped. In the summer of 1812, the subject was again revived, and under the following circumstance. One afternoon, Jacob Osborn and Edmund Bemis happened to meet at the store of D. W. Farrar, and as the story goes, "over a mug of toddy," broached the subject to Dr. Wright, who by request wrote some notices for a citizens' meeting, to be held at Weaver's Hotel, for the purpose of taking the

matter into consideration and devising such plans as might seem expedient.

At this meeting, of which Capt. Daniel Farrar was chairman, and Dr. Wright, secretary, the subject was warmly discussed, but to avoid hasty action and give ample time for reflection, the meeting was adjourned for a few days.

In order to prepare the way for the organization of a new town, it was thought best as a matter of primary importance to build a meeting house.

At this adjourned meeting a committee was chosen, consisting of Capt. Isaac Fuller, George Farrar, Sen., Daniel W. Farrar, Daniel Cutting and David White, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for building a meeting house and procuring a charter of the proposed town. And in order to obtain the best plan possible for a house, Capt. Fuller and Daniel W. Farrar were directed to go to Templeton, Mass., and examine a model house which had just been completed in that town. At a meeting of the citizens in 1813, this committee reported the result of their proceedings; whereupon it was voted that they should draw a plan of the house after the model they had examined, and sell what pews they could to raise money to defray the expense of building. The committee drew the plan and proceeded to sell the pews; but not succeeding according to their expectation, they became discouraged and were about to abandon the enterprise.

Just at this time, Elnathan Gorham had moved into the village, and by his zeal and energy infused new life into the whole matter. He bought pews and rendered such pecuniary aid, as enabled the committee to go forward and place the building under contract. The timber for the frame was furnished by the citizens, and hewn

according to the dimensions furnished by the committee; the framing and outside work were let to a man from Sullivan, for five hundred and fifty dollars; the inside finishing was let to Samuel Morse of Templeton, Mass., for six hundred dollars. The contractors went forward with their work with all possible speed, so that the frame was raised in June, and the house was dedicated early the following winter.

Having completed the contracts for the building of a meeting house, the committee proceeded to make a survey and draw a plan of the proposed town; they had an article inserted in the warrants for the annual meeting of each of the towns from which they proposed to sever territory, to see if they would vote off the proposed land. Richmond and Swanzey were willing to contribute their share of the territory for the new town, but Marlborough and Fitzwilliam were inexorable, and refused, as they had done several times before. At the session of the Legislature the following June, the committee, not discouraged but hopeful, presented their plan to that body and petitioned for an act of incorporation. In this transaction Col. Daniel W. Farrar was agent for the petitioners, and through his influence the subject was brought before that body, but encountered vehement opposition in the House; but the question was so far entertained that a committee was appointed to examine the ground, hear the parties, and report at the next session of the Legislature. This committee consisted of John Smith of Peterborough, Lockhart Willard of Keene, and Brown of New Ipswich. They came here in the spring of 1815, and after a partial view of the place, had a public hearing at Gorham's Hotel. After hearing the testimony on both sides they expressed themselves as adverse to the prayer of the petitioners. Upon learning this, Col. Farrar proposed to them to make

a more thorough examination of the territory. To this they readily assented, and Col. Farrar took them to the top of Fuller Hill as it was then called, now known as West Hill, and from thence to the old center meeting house in Marlborough. It was about this time that buggy wagons came into general use through this region; they were huge and cumbersome affairs in comparison with the light vehicles of the present day. One of these buggies, containing two ponderous bodies in the form of a court's committee and drawn over the rough roads, was enough to make a horse of ordinary strength plead the petitioners' cause far more effectually than any attorney could do. The ride was sufficient to change completely the minds of the committee, and on arriving at the meeting house, one of them distinctly declared that "the people of West Hill ought never to be compelled to travel such a road as that to reach the center of the town." Having secured the favor of the committee, the petitioners took fresh courage and pressed their claim with more determined resolution. But Marlborough and Fitzwilliam continued to throw every obstacle in their way; the strife became ardent, and it seemed that

"Long time in even scale—

The battle hung;"—

When circumstances occurred which rendered it much more desirable on the part of Fitzwilliam to lose the troublesome member than to retain it at the expense of entailing upon herself a perpetual quarrel. At this time the meeting house there had become dilapidated, was too small, and, in most other respects poorly fitted for the comfort and convenience of the congregation. It was found necessary to build a new one, and a contention arose as to its location.

The matter was brought before the town as early as

1796, but the project of erecting a new edifice was voted down, and though it was called up again and again in the succeeding years, for a long time it met with the same fate, the friends of the new town holding the balance of power between the different parties, were sure to defeat all their efforts. Some argued that the new house should stand upon the site of the old one, others that the village was the only proper place, and there were various places named, each of which had its own points of advantage.



MILL STREET.

The localities which received the most consideration, were the old place near the cemetery, the spot where the present town hall stands, and a lot near where D. H. Reed now lives. After a time, a compromise was effected between those who were in favor of locating the house where the present town hall stands and the people in this part of the town, and uniting their forces at the polls, carried both measures by a large majority. In this way did Fitzwilliam relinquish her title to that portion of her territory claimed for the new town, and was then enabled to settle her own domestic quarrels, although a large and



influential party were disaffected and stood aloof from erecting the new house of worship.

Marlborough learning that Fitzwilliam had yielded in the controversy, called a meeting, and voted to give up about two-thirds of that part of the territory asked for by the petitioners.

Thus matters stood on the assembling of the Legislature in June, 1815, and when the subject was brought before that body, the committee reported unanimously in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners.

At the public hearing of the parties, Samuel Green of Concord was employed as counsel for the petitioners, and John C. Chamberlain of Charlestown for the town of Marlborough. After hearing the testimony and the arguments of counsel, the petitioners were allowed by the court to bring in a bill for all they asked, excepting the Haskell farm.

The following bill was brought in and passed:

"State of New Hampshire, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.



An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the southerly part of Marlborough, the northerly part of Fitzwilliam, and the easterly parts of Swanzy and Richmond, into a separate township, with all the privileges and immunities of other towns in this state.

WHEREAS, a petition signed by a number of the inhabitants of the towns of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, Swanzy and Richmond, praying to be incorporated into a separate town, has been presented to the General Court of this State, and the prayer thereof appearing reasonable therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened: That all the lands and inhabitants within the following limits, namely: beginning at the southeast corner of lot number twenty-one in the fourth range of lots in Fitzwilliam on the west line of Jaffrey, thence running north eighty-seven degrees west two hundred and fifteen rods, thence north eighty-two degrees west three hundred twenty-six rods, thence south one degree west two hundred twenty rods, thence north eighty degrees west one hundred sixty

rods, thence south four degrees west ninety-five rods, thence north eighty-four degrees west one hundred sixty rods, thence south six degrees east one hundred rods, thence north eighty-two degrees west one hundred sixty rods, thence north eighty-seven and a half degrees west two hundred ten rods to the east line of Richmond, thence northerly on said line two hundred sixty-two rods, thence north seventy-two and a half degrees west two hundred and forty-three rods, thence north one and a half degrees east sixty rods, thence south eighty degrees west forty-seven rods, thence north one degree west one hundred forty-five rods, thence south eighty-four degrees east fifty-two rods, thence north eighty rods, thence north twenty-three degrees east ninety-two rods, thence north thirty degrees east twenty-seven rods, thence north one-half a degree west one hundred seventy-three rods, thence east ninety-eight rods, thence north one-half degree west two hundred thirty-five rods, thence south eighty-two and a half degrees east one hundred thirty-two rods to the line between Marlborough and Swanzey, thence north four and a half degrees east on said line two hundred sixty-three rods, thence north eight degrees east on said line one hundred ninety-four rods, thence east two hundred fifteen rods to the Branch Turnpike Road in Marlborough, thence southerly on said road to the south line of lot number nine in the fourth range in Marlborough, thence south eighty-seven and a half degrees east sixty-two rods, thence easterly on the north line of the fifth range of lots in Marlborough to lot number one in said range, thence south on the west line of lot number one in said fifth range one hundred sixty rods, thence east one hundred rods to the line between Jaffrey and Marlborough, thence southerly on said line of Jaffrey seven hundred forty-eight rods to the bounds first mentioned, be and the same are incorporated into a town by the name of Troy, and the inhabitants who now reside, or shall hereafter reside within the above mentioned boundaries, are made and constituted a body politic and corporate and invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which other towns in this State are entitled to enjoy, to remain a distinct town, and to have continuance and succession forever.

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That all the moneys that are now assessed in the towns of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, Swanzey and Richmond for the support of schools shall be divided between the remaining towns of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, Swanzey and Richmond and the several parts of the town of Troy disannexed from said towns according to their present proportion of the public taxes, and the lands which the

said towns of Marlborough and Fitzwilliam now have for the support of schools shall be divided between the remaining parts of Marlborough and Fitzwilliam and the town of Troy according to the present proportion of the public taxes paid by the remaining towns of Marlborough and Fitzwilliam and the parts of Troy disannexed from said towns, and the inhabitants of the town of Troy shall pay all the taxes assessed on them by the several towns from which they are hereby disannexed, and the said town of Troy shall after the next annual town meeting, support all the present poor including all those supported in whole or in part who have gained a settlement in the towns of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, Swanzy and Richmond, by living in that part of either of said towns that is now included within the town of Troy, and shall support any poor person now residing in any other towns, which by law the towns of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, Swanzy or Richmond may respectively be liable to relieve or support, that have gained a settlement in either of said towns, by residing within the limits of the town of Troy.

Provided nevertheless that this act shall not effect the interest of any of the inhabitants of the said remaining towns, or the town of Troy, in any schoolhouse now built within the same.

SECTION 3. And be it further enacted, That Joshua Harrington, Esquire, and Daniel W. Farrar or either of them, be empowered to call a meeting of the inhabitants of the said town of Troy, for the purpose of choosing all necessary town officers, to continue in office until the annual meeting of said town for the choice of town officers which shall forever be holden in the month of March, and the said Joshua Harrington and Daniel W. Farrar, or either of them, shall preside in said meeting until a Moderator be chosen to govern the same, which meeting shall be holden in the month of July next, and shall be warned by posting up a notification at the meeting house in said town of Troy, fifteen days prior to the day of holding the same.

Provided however that all town officers residing within the limits of the town of Troy and chosen by the towns of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, Swanzy or Richmond, shall continue in their respective offices during the time for which they were elected, with full power to execute the same; and provided further that all public taxes which the towns of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, Swanzy and Richmond shall or may be compelled to assess, before a new act for proportioning the public taxes among the several towns in this State shall pass, may be assessed, levied, and collected, by the proper officers of the towns of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam,

Swanzy and Richmond, upon the inhabitants of the town of Troy, in case the Selectmen of the town of Troy neglect to assess, levy and collect their proportion of such public taxes, and pay the same seasonably into the treasuries of the towns of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, Swanzy and Richmond, in the way and manner as if this act had not passed, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

In the House of Representatives June 17, 1815.

The foregoing Bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted. Sent up for concurrence.

GEORGE P. UPHAM, Speaker.

In Senate June 19, 1815. This Bill having been read a third time was enacted.

M. P. PAYSON, President.

Approved June 23, 1815.

J. T. GILMAN, Governor."

The following is a copy of the warrant for the first meeting, and the record of the proceedings:

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Agreeable to an Act passed by the Legislature of said State at the June session 1815, authorizing the subscribers to call a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Troy, for the purpose of electing all the town officers in said town, to continue in office until the annual meeting to be holden in March next, we hereby request and warn all the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Meeting House in said town, on Thursday the twentieth day of July instant, at twelve of the clock at noon, for the following purposes, viz:

ARTICLE 1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

ARTICLE 2d. To choose all necessary town officers to continue in office until the annual meeting to be holden in March next, and transact any other business that shall be thought proper when met.

Signed, JOSHUA HARRINGTON,  
DANIEL W. FARRAR.

Dated Troy, July 4, 1815.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CHESHIRE SS. July 20, 1815.

Agreeably to the power vested in us by the act of incorporation of

the town of Troy, we hereby certify that we have notified and warned all the legal voters of the town of Troy, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the within notification, at the Meeting House in said Troy, fifteen days prior to the above date.

Signed, JOSHUA HARRINGTON,  
DANIEL W. FARRAR.

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

#### CHESHIRE, SS.

At the first legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Troy, warned by Joshua Harrington, Esq., and Daniel W. Farrar, who were authorized by the incorporating said town to call the first meeting, held at the Meeting House in said town, the twentieth day of July A. D. 1815, at twelve of the clock at noon, the meeting being opened by the said Joshua Harrington and Daniel W. Farrar, proceeded to business.

ARTICLE 1ST. Chose Col. Sylvester P. Flint, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2D. Chose Daniel W. Farrar, Clerk, who appeared and accepted of the office, and took the oath of office before Joshua Harrington, Esq.

Voted to adjourn the meeting for one hour.

Met agreeable to adjournment. Voted to choose three Selectmen. Chose Daniel W. Farrar, William Barnard and Sylvester P. Flint, their Selectmen who appeared and accepted the office, and took the oath of office before Joshua Harrington, Esq. Voted that the Selectmen be the overseers of the poor.

Chose George Farrar, Town Treasurer, who appeared and accepted the office, and took the oath of office before Joshua Harrington, Esq.

Chose Abraham Coolidge, Constable and Collector of taxes, who appeared and accepted the office, and took the oath of office, before Joshua Harrington, Esq.

Voted to have two Tything-men. Chose Peter Starkey, and Joseph C. Davenport, Tything-men.

Voted to have two fence viewers. Chose Joshua Harrington, Esq. and James Godfrey, Fence viewers who appeared and accepted the office and took the oath of office, before the Hon. Nahum Parker.

Voted and chose Luke Harris, Sexton.

SYLVESTER P. FLINT, Moderator.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest, DANIEL W. FARRAR, Town Clerk."



## CHAPTER VII.

### ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

EARLY RELIGIOUS HISTORY.—RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.—CHURCHES.—CLERGY-MEN.—CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY AND CHURCH.—BAPTIST SOCIETY AND CHURCH.—THE LIBERAL UNION OR UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY.

It appears that the early settlers of this region were men who placed a high estimate upon the institutions of religion, and their efforts to establish and sustain such institutions were worthy of praise; and the first efforts of our early settlers after getting settled in their new homes were generally directed to establishing a Christian ministry, showing that the spirit which actuated the Puritan fathers was possessed by their children.

The most, if not all, of these men had been religiously educated, and even those who made no pretensions to personal piety showed great deference to the outward forms of religion, and never thought of living without having some one to officiate for them in the sacred office.

Their first places of worship were rude and uncomfortable, but their souls were in the work, and their zeal, energy and personal sacrifices in maintaining the stated ministration of the gospel, might be studied with benefit by many of their descendants.

The history of the rise of the Puritans will show that they performed all their duties under an all-pervading sense of moral obligation. Each town was under obligation to support a minister, this being one of the fundamental conditions of the charter given them, and therefore could not be left discretionary with individual owners. The minister had a claim upon the town for his salary, and he could

invoke the power of the law in case of delinquency upon the part of the town.

In many towns preaching was maintained when there was no church organization. It was a habit of those early times for every one to attend church, and although the meeting house was far distant, and the way along winding paths blazed through the forests, or over roads from which the rocks had not been removed, in the summer almost the whole population would be assembled on Sunday. In the bright midsummer days, when the woods were filled with the songs of birds, when the wild flowers were blooming in the meadows, the weekly Sabbath journey, on horseback or even on foot, may not have been regarded by the sturdy men and women of that day as any great hardship; but in the short winter day, when the snow was lying breast deep in the woods, or piled in drifts along the fences, with the mercury at zero, the longing for religious service and the lofty sense of moral obligation must have been greater than that of the present day in order that the toilsome journey should be made. Very often the sun would be sinking behind the hills and the twilight deepening before they would reach their homes. Wagons were not in use and it was a period of horseback riding, although when the snow was on the ground some would go with an ox sled.

The sermons were often long and forcible, occupying from an hour to an hour and a half, morning and afternoon. Possibly there were other motives than a sense of moral obligation for attending meetings under such circumstances, for in those early times there were no newspapers, with daily or weekly mail, and in many places no postoffice, and therefore no means of conveying information other than by special messenger on urgent public business.

The meeting house therefore became the chief center for the dissemination of news—the news exchange—when on Sunday noon all could hear what had taken place during the week. No bell summoned the people, and in winter there was no fire to abate the keenness of the biting air other than the hearthstones of some neighbor, save that obtained from a small foot stove.

In summer the men and boys would convene in squads about the horse sheds, when there were any, and the women would assemble in the pews, and religion, politics and business would be discussed.

In the cold winter's day, the pronouncing of the amen of the benediction would be the signal for a quick movement toward the neighboring houses, when blazing fires would be found burning in every kitchen; luncheons would be eaten, and the foot stoves would be filled with live coals preparatory to the long service in the afternoon. Such are the scenes recited to us by our grandmothers and contrasted with the religious observances of the present day.

The grant to the proprietors of the township Monadenock No. 4, or Fitzwilliam, was on condition that one share of the one hundred and twenty-nine shares must be reserved for a gift to the first settled minister, and of another share he was to have the use; while within five years a meeting house for public worship should be erected, and after one year more, they should maintain constant preaching. A failure to fulfill these, with other conditions, should forfeit the grant.

Nov. 14, 1769, the proprietors chose a committee "to provide stuf and build a meeting house in said township so far as to inclose the outside and Lay the Lour floor."

The frame for the house was raised in the month of May, 1770, and it was a number of years before it was

fully completed. It was a substantial but very plain looking building, quite spacious and convenient. The pulpit was at one end, and over it was a huge structure, to be found in all of the meeting houses at that time, called the sounding board, which was supposed to aid in the acoustic properties of the house. The central or body part was furnished with long slips or seats, which appear to have been free, while around the walls, both below and in the galleries, were arranged large, square pews, which were private property, and probably built at different times by their respective owners. This, with some occasional repairs, was the religious home where the larger part of the people of Troy worshipped for nearly forty years.

For several years before the meeting house was occupied, the people held Sabbath services in private houses or at the inn of James Reed, as circumstances required. As early as 1768 preaching was maintained for at least a part of each year. During the autumn of that year and a considerable part of the winter following, Mr. Nehemiah Parker, a graduate of Harvard College in 1763, was the preacher, and who soon afterwards became pastor of the Congregational church in Hubbardston, Mass. About the middle of the year 1770, the proprietors made out a formal call to Mr. Benjamin Brigham to settle with them in the gospel ministry. Mr. Brigham was a native of Marlborough, Mass., and had graduated at Harvard College in 1764. The following provisions for his pecuniary support was tendered him. Two lots of land of one hundred acres each had been reserved for the first settled minister, and two lots more had been reserved for the use of the ministry, of which he would have the proper benefit. A settlement of eighty pounds lawful money was also offered in addition to his salary, which was to be fifty-three pounds, six shillings, and eight pence sterling, which after

three years was to be increased by two pounds annually till it should amount to sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence sterling, or something more than three hundred and fifty dollars.

The settlement was a gift as an inducement to accept the call, and such gifts were the rule a century ago. This settlement was estimated to be worth a little over two hundred and sixty-six dollars. This, with the annual salary and the income from two hundred acres of land, was a very liberal support and a sufficient inducement, for in January, 1771, Mr. Brigham accepted the call that had been extended to him, and preparations were soon made for the ordination of the first pastor, which occurred on the 27th of March following. As the meeting house was not in a suitable condition to be used, the services took place at the inn of James Reed, which was upon the old military road, and in sight of the house formerly occupied by Gilbert C. Bemis, in Fitzwilliam, which was burned a few years since. The proprietors paid Mr. John Mellen the sum of twenty-five dollars for providing for the council and the clergymen that might be in attendance.

It seemed necessary that a church should be regularly organized before the pastor should be ordained, which was done by the council previous to those services. A covenant had been previously drawn up, to be accepted and signed for this purpose; and as showing something of the outer and inner life of the Christian people that first settled in this region, the ancient document is given entire.

## COVENANT.

"A. D. 1771, } Monadnock No. 4, in ye Province of New Hampshire.  
 March 27. } We whose names are hereunto subscribed being inhabitants of No. 4 aforesaid, knowing that we are very prone to offend and provoke God ye Most high, in Heart and life, thro' ye prevailing of sin that Dwelleth within Us; and ye manifold temptations from without



Us; and for which we have great reason to be unfeignedly humbled before him from Day to Day, Do in ye name of our Lord Jesus Christ, with dependence upon his gracious assistance and influence of the holy ghost, solemnly enter into Covenant with God, according to God as followeth:—

“(1.) That having Chosen and taken ye Lord Jehovah to be our God, we will fear him and cleave to him in Love, and serve him in Truth with all our hearts; giving up ourselves to be his people; in all things at his Disposal and Sovereign Direction, That we may have, and hold Communion with him as Members of Christ's Mystical Body according to his revealed will, to our Lives End.

“(2.) We further Promise to keep Close to ye Truth of Christ, Endeavoring with lively affections towards it in our Hearts to Defend it against all opposers thereof, as God shall at any time call us thereunto— which that we may Do, we Resolve to Use ye holy Scriptures as our Platform, whereby we may discern ye Mind of Christ, and not ye new found inventions of men.

“(3.) We also Bind ourselves to Bring up our Children and Servants in ye knowledge and fear of God, by holy instruction from ye sacred Scriptures,—(a Summary of which we have in ye Catechisms of ye Venerable assembly at Westminster,) that true Religion may Be maintained in our Families while we live, and among such as live when we are Dead and gone.

“(4.) We also Engage to have a Careful inspection over our own hearts, so as to Endeavor by Virtue of ye Death of Christ, ye mortification of all our sinful worldly frames and disorderly affections, whereby we may be with Drawn from ye Living God.”

“(5.) Moreover we Oblige our Selves to ye faithful improvement of our abilities and opportunities to worship God, according to all ye particular institutions of Christ for his church, under Gospel administration; as, to give Reverent attention to ye word of God, to pray unto him, to sing his praises, and to hold Communion with Each other in ye use of Both ye seals, viz. Baptism and ye Lord's Supper.

“(6.) We likewise promise that we will peaceably submit to ye holy Discipline appointed by Christ in his Chh. for offenders, obeying them that rule over us in the Lord.

“(7.) We Bind also ourselves to walk in Love toward one another, Endeavoring our mutual Edification; Visiting, Exhorting, Comforting as occasion serveth; Warning any Brother or Sister that offends; not Divulging any Private offences unnecessarily; But Heedfully following

the several precepts of Christ laid down for Chh. Dealing, Matt. xviii: 15, 16, 17, willingly forgiving all that manifest to ye Judgment of Charity that they truly Repent of all their miscarriages.

"Now ye God of Peace, that Brought again from ye Dead, ye Lord Jesus Christ, ye great Shepherd of ye Sheep, through ye Blood of ye everlasting Covenant, make us all perfect in every good work to Do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, thro' Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.

"BENJAMIN BRIGHAM, Pastor elect.

"BENJAMIN BIGELOW.

"JOHN FASSETT.

"NATHANIEL WILDER.

"CALEB WINCH.

"JAMES REED.

"N. B. As to Discipline, this Chh. is founded upon ye Cambridge Platform, as it is commonly Received and Practised upon in ye New England Churches."

This covenant was signed by five men in addition to the pastor elect, and of the church thus constituted but one member, Caleb Winch, was a resident of what is now Troy.

Ten churches, with their pastors, were invited to compose the council, but of these only Marlborough, Westborough, Royalston, and Winchendon, Mass., and Keene and Swanzey appear to have been represented.

The answer of Mr. Brigham to the call he received, was probably characteristic of the man and was considered of sufficient importance to be placed in full upon the proprietors' records; and was as follows:

Monadnock No. 4, January 29, 1771.

To the Proprietors and Congregating Society of Monadnock No. 4, in the Province of New Hampshire.

Grace, Mercy and Peace be multiplied from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brethren and Friends.

The great God who is Sovereign of universal nature and orders all things according to the Counsels of his own will, for his own honor and glory and the best interests of all who love and fear and obey him, has,

in his all wise providence, brought me among you to preach the Gospel of his Son Christ Jesus, and also inclined you to make choice of me who am very unworthy of the honor, to settle among you in the work of the Gospel Ministry. You have laid before me your proposals, bearing date Nov. the 7th 1770 and January the 29th 1771, which offers I view as generous considering the infancy of the town and circumstances of this people; and cannot forbear returning you my sincere and hearty thanks for the great respect you have shown me thereby. I have taken your invitation into serious and prayerful consideration, and when I reflect how great and arduous the work of a Gospel Minister is, how much grace and wisdom is necessary and how very unequal I am to such an under taking, it makes me to tremble and to say with the blessed Apostle, "Who is sufficient for these things!"

Nevertheless when I consider the sufficiency of God's grace he affords to all them that sincerely ask it of him and the promise of Christ that he will be with his Ministers always to the end of this world, and the uncommon unanimity of the people in the choice of me for your Pastor it supports me and I take courage.

I do therefore, viewing it my duty, and having taken the advice of my fathers and brethren in the Ministry, with dependence, upon grace and strength derived from Christ, the Head of all influences, accept of your invitations and offers, with this reserve that I have two Sabbaths annually allowed me during the time of my ministry, that I may have opportunity to visit my parents and friends.

I further entreat that you would remember me daily in your prayers to God, though an unworthy, yet that I may be a faithful Servant and watchman upon this part of Jerusalem's walls, instrumental of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the world and of promoting religion, piety, and true Godliness among you, that finally I, who sow and you who reap, may rejoice together in the kingdom of glory forever and ever.

BENJAMIN BRIGHAM.

Mr. Brigham continued pastor for nearly twenty-nine years, or until his death, which occurred June 13, 1799. His salary was paid according to contract for twenty-seven years, when by mutual agreement, it was assumed by the town.

During the ministry of Mr. Brigham there were admitted to the church two hundred and eighty-five members,

one hundred and thirty-one males and one hundred and fifty-four females. No doubt many of these were residents of what is now Troy.

The following tribute to him is from the records of the church: "He was a good Divine, an able and faithful Pastor, the friend of peace, truth and righteousness. While he lived he was greatly esteemed and beloved by his people and all his acquaintances, and at his death he was greatly lamented."

After the death of Mr. Brigham there was no pastor of the church until 1802, services being held by candidates or supplies. In June of this year, the church extended a call to Mr. Stephen Williams of Woodstock, Conn., to become their pastor, and requested the concurrence of the town in this action. The town voted to comply with this request, and offered Mr. Williams a settlement of three hundred and thirty-four dollars, and an annual salary of three hundred dollars, without the use of the ministerial lot. But unfavorable reports respecting the character and habits of the candidate were put in circulation about that time, and the town took the precaution to vote that if he should become their pastor upon the proposed terms, and within six years should be dismissed because of charges affecting his morals, he should bind himself to restore to the town three-fourths of the amount of his settlement, and a less proportion, or one-half of the same, if, for the same reason, his ministry should close in twelve years, and one-fourth of the same, if within eighteen years. These conditions proved unsatisfactory to Mr. Williams, and a compromise was effected, the settlement of three hundred and thirty-four dollars to be relinquished, and the town adding one hundred dollars to the amount of his stipulated salary, making the amount four hundred dollars annually.

He was ordained Nov. 4th, 1800, the council reporting that after a careful examination, in which particular attention was paid not only to the religious qualifications, but also the moral character of the candidate, and were happy to find that he possessed an unusually amiable moral character, which had continued from his early youth, and which they did not consider in the least blemished by some injurious reports which Mr. Williams himself candidly came before the council and informed them of; but which upon a full investigation of the evidence appeared to have been originated and industriously propagated with a wicked and malicious design to injure him and to disturb the happy unanimity of the people.

The churches represented in the ordination were those in Royalston, Longmeadow and Athol, Mass., of Woodstock, Conn., and of Rindge, Keene, Jaffrey and Marlborough, N. H.

Mr. Williams is represented to have been a man of education, a fluent, pleasing speaker, and of sound doctrinal belief, according to the standard of the times; but, unhappily, he was very penurious, and became so fond of intoxicating drinks that he would drink to excess when others stood ready to pay the bill. His bibulous habits soon caused disaffection, and in less than two years the church, the town, and Mr. Williams himself, united in calling a council for his dismissal, and proposing to ask for this without setting forth the reasons. This council met Sept. 28, 1802, and declined to comply with the wishes of the parties concerned unless the reasons for the dismissal were given, and advised the calling of another council, to which the whole matter should be submitted, which was agreed to. The council met Nov. 19, 1802, and Mr. Williams was dismissed, thus terminating a serious difficulty; but some of the people, who were the especial friends of



Mr. Williams, were aggrieved, and did not give a ready welcome to his successor.

August 20, 1804, a call was extended to Mr. John Sabin of Pomfret, Conn., and offering as a settlement one hundred and fifty dollars, and an annual salary of three hundred and fifty dollars, which was accepted. A council was called for his ordination in January, 1805, but before it assembled, a protest against his acceptance of the call and ordination as pastor was presented to Mr. Sabin, signed by twenty-one male members of the church, who were chiefly warm personal friends of the late pastor, Mr. Williams.

The council assembled and patiently attended and examined all the evidence that was offered, with the result that it was decided that the interests of religion, the peace of the town, and the usefulness of Mr. Sabin would not be promoted by his settlement. The ground taken was the want of harmony in the church and town respecting him, and because the candidate had, it was thought, as charged by those opposed to him, given occasion for dissatisfaction by being somewhat non-committal in his probationary preaching touching some of the generally received doctrines of religion.

Several days later, thirty male members of the church signed a request for a church meeting to consider and act upon this result, which was held February 14th, 1805, when it was declared that the call given Mr. Sabin remained good, and making provision for another council, adopting a long and particular answer to the action of the former council; but it did little or nothing toward silencing the opposition.

The town joined in the request for the second council, which was held March 5th, at which eight churches were represented, all but one being in Massachusetts. All the

proceedings of the former council were carefully considered, as well as the new and carefully prepared protest of the twenty-one members of the church and some others, when a committee of the council was raised to confer with both parties and bring about a reconciliation, if possible. The interview proved successful, as the final vote of the council was unanimous, and Mr. Sabin was ordained as a minister and installed as pastor in Fitzwilliam the following day.

The circumstances of his settlement quite naturally affected unpleasantly his relations to the neighboring pastors for a time, but after awhile they exchanged pulpits freely with him, and deemed him a faithful and conscientious minister. Rev. Mr. Sabin was born in Pomfret, Conn., April 17, 1770, and graduated from Brown University in 1797, at the age of twenty-seven years; and was nearly thirty-five years old at the time of his ordination. He continued pastor of the church for nearly forty-one years, or until his death, which occurred October 14, 1845.

The pastorate of Mr. Sabin covered a very important and at times exciting period of the history of the town.

The meeting house was not large enough for the comfort and convenience of the congregation, and before the ordination of Mr. Sabin, the matter of erecting a new edifice was brought before the town, but it was voted down, and although it was brought up again and again in succeeding years it was always voted down. The location of the new house seemed to be the difficult point to settle, as there were several localities proposed, which caused many warm and protracted disputes, and which was finally settled by the compromise effected between those who lived in this part of the town, who desired the organization of a new town, and those who were in favor of locating the house where the present Fitzwilliam town

hall now stands, whose united forces carried both measures at the polls by a large majority.

One condition of the charter granted by the Masonian proprietors to the proprietors of Monadnock No. 5, now Marlborough, required the grantees to build a convenient meeting house in the township within ten years from its date, provided they were not prevented by Indian wars.

A proprietors' meeting was held January, 1770, when it was voted to build a meeting house, and a building committee of six persons chosen, and a subscription paper circulated for the purpose of raising funds to aid in building the house. There was no difficulty in selecting a location, which was on a spot nearest the center of the town. The frame of the meeting house was put up by Stephen Church, some time previous to Nov. 21, 1770, at which time a meeting was held at the house of Benjamin Tucker, when it was voted to accept of certain accounts for services done about the meeting house, among them being one of Benjamin Tucker for eight gallons of rum, at three shillings, two pence, and two farthings per gallon, for the raising of the meeting house.

In those days it was customary on all occasions like these to have at least one barrel of rum, which undoubtedly was provided on this occasion; but the demand for this indispensable article was so great that this quantity was not sufficient, and Benjamin Tucker, being chairman of the building committee, procured the additional eight gallons, for which he brought in a separate account. The house was not finished completely for nearly fifteen years, although services were held during the following year when the roof only was covered in.

At this time it was voted "to Lay a tax of one farthing on an acre for to hire preaching with." In 1774, provision was made to board the outside, by a tax of one

and one-half pence per acre. At a meeting in January, 1779, it was "Voted to finish Cleapboording the meeting house and colour it, to hang the Doors to Lay the Lower floor and build the body seats and Git one Box of Glass to Glaize it in part." To meet this expense, a tax of eight pence per acre was assessed. In 1785, the proprietors gave up all claim to the meeting house and it passed into the hands of the town, and in order to get money to finish the building, pew grounds were sold at auction at different times.

In 1774, the desire to settle a minister seems to have increased, for it was voted to "Chuse a Committee to provide a minister on Probation, in order for a Settlement."

It appears that the several committees chosen were not successful in hiring preaching, and for several years services were irregular. But about 1777, the people became more earnest about this matter and several meetings were held. About this time the Rev. Joseph Cummings, a native of Topsfield, Mass., came among them and preached several Sabbaths as a candidate, when a town meeting was called August 6, 1778, at which it was voted "to come into some method of Settling a minister in said Town."

It was voted to give Mr. Cummings a call to settle with them as a preacher, and a committee was chosen, consisting of Lieut. Benjamin Tucker, Capt. James Lewis, Lieut. Eliphalet Stone, Lieut. James Brewer, and Mr. Samuel Soper, who were to propose a method of settlement, and whose proposals were accepted, which were as follows:

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CHESHIRE ss August ye 6, 1778, att a Legal meeting of the Town of marlborough the sixth Day of August inst, made Choise of Mr. Richard Atwell moderator for sd meeting, Voted to give the Rev. mr, Joseph

Cummings of Sea Brook a call to settle in sd marlborough as a gospel minister, Voted by said Town to make the Rev. mr Cummings the following proposals for a settlement, to take one share of Land in said marlborough Containing By Estimation one hundred and fifty acres, one hundred acre Lots the Lot on which the meeting house stands on Which we Desire to reserve four acres Round the meeting house For publick use, Voted to Clear Eighteen acres on said Lot Leaving ten trees on each acre in addition to what is already Cleared on said Lot in two years, From ordination one half yearly, Voted that the Revd mr Cummings Shall have Liberty to go onto the ministry Land in said town Cut any quantity of timber of any sort that shall Be Necessary for his own Buildings. For his salery to have For the first year Forty pounds, for the Second year Forty-five pounds, for the third year fifty pounds and to Continue Fifty pounds yearly, until there becomes one hundred and ten families in said Town then to have Sixty-Six pounds thirteen shillings and fore pence yearly so Long as he shall Remain our gospel minister all the above sums to be made equevelent to Ry at three Shillings and fore pence pr Bushel.

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| LIEUT. BENJA TUCKER   | } Committee<br>in behalf<br>of<br>Marlborough. |
| LIEUT. JOSEPH COLLINS |  |
| MR. DANIEL GOODENOW   |  |
| MR. WILLIAM BARKER    |  |
| LIEUT. JAMES BREWER   |  |

DAVID WHEELER, Town Clerk.

Mr. Cummings returned the following answer under the date of October 12, 1778:

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Marlborough. Friends and Fellow Christians,—Whereas, it has pleased the great head of the Church to incline your hearts to settle the gospel ministry among you and disposed you to give me (unworthy as I am) an invitation to the important work; after mature deliberation and many anxious thoughts upon a matter of so great moment; having been importunate with God for direction and asked advice of men—

I conclude to accept your invitation (provided you will allow me two or three Sabbaths yearly during my ministry to visit my friends as they live at a distance.) Humbly confiding in Divine goodness for assistance faithfully to discharge the duty of a gospel minister, and begging your earnest prayers that a blessing may attend my ministerial labors.



Heartily wishing that grace, mercy and peace may be the stability of our times—I subscribe your affectionate Friend and Servant.

JOSEPH CUMMINGS.

Mr. Cummings was ordained Nov. 11, 1778, at which time a Congregational church was formed, consisting of eight members.

The salary of Mr. Cummings was \$133.33, which was soon rendered wholly inadequate by the depreciation of the paper money, which began in 1777 and went on so rapidly that in about four years it became nearly worthless. In 1780, it was voted that his salary be increased forty times, and a few months later it was voted to make it seventy-two for one. Soon after this, difficulties arose between the church and Mr. Cummings, the people charging him with unfaithfulness and the pastor denouncing the people for not fulfilling their contract in clearing land, and also charging them with unkindness. A council was convened Dec. 26, 1780, to take the matter into consideration, and as a result of their deliberations, it was voted that the pastoral relations between Mr. Cummings and the church be dissolved, which was accepted by the town and all the parties concerned.

The difficulties growing out of his dismissal did not end at that time, but continued for a long time, and for nearly thirteen years there was no settled pastor, and preaching only a part of the time.

Mr. Halloway Fish was ordained pastor of the church, Sept. 25, 1793, with a settlement of one hundred and seventy pounds, and an annual salary of seventy pounds. Mr. Fish was a native of Upton, Mass., and a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1790. He was pastor of the church nearly thirty-one years, and during his ministry the church increased greatly in membership. Mr. Fish died Sept. 1, 1824, at the age of sixty-two years and one month.

During the pastorates of the Rev. Messrs. Sabin of Fitzwilliam and Fish of Marlborough, the town of Troy was incorporated. Sept. 14, 1815, at the request of several residents of the new town, an Ecclesiastical Council was convened, consisting of Rev. Holloway Fish of Marlborough, Rev. John Sabin of Fitzwilliam, and Rev. Ezekiel Rich, an evangelist, to assist in organizing a Congregational church. The following agreement of fellowship was subscribed to by ten men and their wives.

We do now, before God and these witnesses, severally and mutually covenant and engage to receive and trust each other as Christian brethren and sisters; to watch over each other with Christian tenderness and fidelity; to use our best endeavors to reclaim any of our number who may wander from the path of truth and duty; and that we will use the best means in our power to have the ordinances of the Gospel, and the faithful preaching of the Lord, regularly administered among us, and in testimony of our cordial assent to the above, we hereby subscribe our names.

Caleb Winch and Esther Winch.

Silas Fife and Abigail Fife.

David Saunders and Molly Saunders.

Cyrus Fairbanks and Mercy Fairbanks.

Joshua Harrington and Elizabeth Harrington.

Jacob Osborn and Sibel Osborn.

Joseph Butler and Pervey Butler.

William Barnard and Bathsheba Barnard.

Caleb Winch and Lucy Winch.

Joseph Tilden and Saloma Tilden.

Articles of faith and a covenant were also adopted and assented to. A meeting of the church was held Sept. 15, 1815, when it was voted to extend an invitation to Rev. Ezekiel Rich to become their pastor, and appointed a committee, consisting of Silas Fife, Jacob Osborn, and Joshua Harrington, to notify the town of the doings of the church and ask the town's concurrence and assistance in his settlement, and also to notify Mr. Rich of their choice. The

town concurred, and Mr. Rich accepted the call, and preparations were made for calling a council for his ordination. Letters missive were sent to eleven churches, viz: Fitzwilliam, Rindge, Jaffrey, Marlborough, Swanzey, Keene, Sullivan and New Ipswich in New Hampshire, and Northbridge, Athol and Harvard in Massachusetts. The council met December 19, at the house of Capt. D. W. Farrar, and formed by choosing Rev. Seth Payson, D. D., of Rindge, moderator, and Rev. John Sabin of Fitzwilliam, scribe. After a due examination of Mr. Rich, the council voted unanimously to proceed to his installation as pastor over the church the next day, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The introductory prayer was made by Rev. William Muzzy of Sullivan, and Rev. John Crane, D. D., of Northbridge, Mass., preached the sermon; the installing prayer was offered by Rev. Laban Ainsworth of Jaffrey, Rev. Seth Payson of Rindge gave the charge, and Rev. Warren Joy of Harvard, Mass., the right hand of fellowship, and the concluding prayer was made by Rev. Richard Hall of New Ipswich. The town voted to pay him eight dollars for each Sabbath he supplied the pulpit from the time of his installation until the first Tuesday of the next February, which should be paid monthly, and four hundred dollars as an annual salary after that time, so long as the pastoral relation existed between him and the town, with an additional sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid February, 1816, and one hundred and fifty dollars more in one year. Should he become unable to supply the pulpit, one-half the salary, or two hundred dollars was to be paid him annually.

After a time a number of the residents of the town who contributed to the support of the minister became dissatisfied with Mr. Rich and asked to be exempted from paying a minister tax, and that the connection between

him and the town be dissolved, giving as the reason for such action, that he was devoting most of his time to his own private enterprises for the accumulation of property, and for preaching doctrines which he had previously denied. This the town voted to do, and Mr. Rich united with the church in asking that a council be called for his dismission. This was composed of the churches in Fitzwilliam, Marlborough, and Rindge, who assembled at the house of Joshua Harrington, and after careful deliberation found it expedient that his pastoral duties should terminate July 18, 1818. No evidence appeared that he had forfeited his Christian or ministerial character, and in their opinion he had been a faithful minister and had discharged the duties that might reasonably have been expected of him at his settlement. Mr. Rich continued his residence in town, on the farm now owned by E. P. Kimball, until about 1845. He occasionally supplied the pulpit after his dismission, and also performed some missionary labor in this and other states. He died at Deep River, Conn.

November, 1819, a religious society was formed by the name of the First Congregational Society of Troy, which was a party with the church in supplying the pulpit till 1824, when a new constitution was adopted—the society taking the name of the Congregational Society of Troy. The last meeting of the society was recorded in 1846.

There was no regular preaching from this time until 1820, when Rev. Seth E. Winslow was employed as a stated supply for three years. Rev. Otis C. Whiton supplied the pulpit from September, 1824, until December, 1827. He was invited to become pastor, but for some reason declined. After he closed his labors in Troy, he preached in different places till April 18, 1841, when he began to preach at Harrisville, and was installed Aug. 11, 1842, and remained pastor till his decease, Oct. 17, 1845,

at the age of fifty-one years. After Mr. Whiton, Rev. Messrs. Peabody, Pitman, and Erwin, were employed for short periods to supply the pulpit.

Rev. Stephen Morse, a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1821, was installed as second pastor of the church, Aug. 26, 1829. The following churches were represented in the council, either by pastor or delegate, or both, viz: Jaffrey, Fitzwilliam, Keene first church, Swanzey, and Marlborough. The Rev. Mr. Burnham made the introductory prayer and Rev. Mr. Barstow of Keene preached the sermon; the installing prayer was made by Rev. Laban Ainsworth of Jaffrey, Rev. John Sabin of Fitzwilliam gave the charge, Rev. Salmon Bennett of Marlborough presented the right hand of fellowship, Rev. Ebenezer Coleman of Swanzey addressed the people and Rev. Mr. Sabin offered the concluding prayer. Mr. Morse was pastor until Jan. 31, 1833, and although his ministry was short, it was successful, there being some thirty additions to the church during that time, nineteen joining by profession on one occasion. For some reason there was some falling off in the support of Mr. Morse, and it became necessary for his dismissal.

There were some in town who were in favor of preaching certain doctrines which the church did not support, and could not sanction as hearers, which undoubtedly caused some dissension among the people. These parties were opposed to what was called at that day rigid Calvinism, and were in favor of greater liberality in covenantal belief, and in the matter of ministerial exchanges. As the meeting house was desired and occupied a portion of the time by others, the church negotiated supplies for a time, and when they could not have the meeting house, worshipped at private dwellings or the center school-house. Among the supplies may be mentioned the Rev.



Messrs. Ainsworth, Crosby, Farnsworth, Spaulding and Holman.

When the formation of the new town was first desired, it was thought necessary as a preparatory act that a meeting house should be built, and accordingly at a meeting of the citizens held during the summer of 1812, a committee was chosen for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the building of a meeting house, which consisted of Capt. Isaac Fuller, George Farrar, Sen., Daniel W. Farrar, Daniel Cutting and David White. At a meeting of the citizens in 1813, the committee made a report of their proceedings, and it was voted that they should draw a plan of a house they had examined in Templeton, Mass., and sell what pews they could to raise money to pay the expense of building. The committee did not succeed according to their expectations and for a time it seemed they would be obliged to abandon the enterprise, when through the liberality of Elnathan Gorham, who had just moved into the village, who bought pews and rendered such pecuniary aid, the committee were enabled to place the building under contract. The timber for the frame was furnished by the citizens, and hewn according to the dimensions furnished by the committee; the framing and outside finishing were let for five hundred and fifty dollars, to a man from Sullivan; the inside finishing was let to Samuel Morse of Templeton, for six hundred dollars.

The contractors pushed the work forward with all possible speed, and the frame was raised in June, 1814. The raising was attended with a circumstance that came near proving disastrous. Just as the frame was partially raised and the effort of every man was required to sustain and complete the work, an alarm was given that a boy had fallen into the mill-pond and was drowned. Quick as thought, a large number rushed to the water, leaving their

companions in labor in a most perilous position. For a little time a few only, thoughtful and brave men, stood at their posts, though they were almost led to tremble lest the weight they had to sustain should prove too much for their strength, and they should be crushed beneath the falling timbers. Fortunately, however, no harm ensued, and the drowning boy, who was Aaron, son of Hugh Mason, by great effort was saved.

The house was dedicated early the following winter, and the sermon was preached by Rev. John Sabin of Fitzwilliam. The Rev. Messrs. Ainsworth of Jaffrey, Payson of Rindge, Fish of Marlborough and Brown of Swanzey, took part in the exercises.

This house was situated upon what is now the north common, and faced the east. It is presumed that the interior arrangement was similar to the style then in vogue, being furnished in the central or body part with long slips or seats, while square pews were arranged next to the walls, both below and in the galleries. The house was painted on the outside at least, for we find that the town accepted the offer of Daniel W. Farrar to paint it for the unsold pews and two hundred dollars in money.

In January, 1816, the proprietors relinquished to the town all their interest in the meeting house, except the pews which had been sold to individuals. The deed was as follows:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we Isaac Fuller, George Farrar, Daniel W. Farrar, Daniel Cutting and David White of Troy, in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, in consideration of the sum of twenty dollars paid by the said town of Troy, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, have remised, released, and forever quitclaimed, and do by these presents remit, release, and forever quitclaim unto the said town of Troy, a certain house lately built in said town of Troy for public worship, and for a public meeting house,

situated near the former town line between Fitzwilliam and Marlborough, excepting the pews which have been sold and are the property of individuals as follows, viz:

## BODY PEWS.

| Number. | Owner's Name.      | Number. | Owner's Name.            |
|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 1.      | Joshua Harrington. | 18.     | David White.             |
| 2.      | Daniel W. Farrar.  | 19.     | Henry Tolman.            |
| 3.      | Elnathan Gorham.   | 20.     | James Godfrey.           |
| 4.      | Daniel Farrar.     | 21.     | Silas Wheeler.           |
| 5.      | Elijah Fuller.     | 22.     | Daniel Cutting.          |
| 7.      | William Barnard.   | 23.     | Samuel Farrar.           |
| 8.      | Caleb Winch.       | 24.     | Luke Harris.             |
| 9.      | Isaac Fuller.      | 25.     | Asa Brewer.              |
| 10.     | Silas Fife.        | 26.     | Salmon Whittemore.       |
| 11.     | Samuel Starkey.    | 27.     | A. Coolidge & L. Ward.   |
| 12.     | John Lawrence.     | 28.     | H. Jackson & T. Godding. |
| 13.     | Daniel W. Farrar.  | 29.     | Jacob Daggett.           |
| 14.     | Ebenezer Wright.   | 30.     | Sylvester P. Flint.      |
| 15.     | Jacob Oshorn.      | 31.     | Daniel W. Farrar.        |
| 16.     | John Starkey.      | 32.     | Zopher Whitcomb.         |
| 17.     | Samuel Rockwood.   |         |                          |

## WALL PEWS.

|     |                    |     |                    |
|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|
| 35. | George Farrar.     | 43. | Talmon Knights.    |
| 36. | Thomas French.     | 44. | William Farrar.    |
| 37. | Caleb Perry.       | 45. | Samuel Morse.      |
| 38. | Daniel W. Farrar.  | 46. | Joseph Haskell.    |
| 39. | Josiah Lawrence.   | 47. | Nathan Winch.      |
| 40. | Peletiah Hodgkins. | 48. | Joseph Forristall. |
| 41. | Easman Alexander.  | 49. | Edmund Bemis.      |
| 42. | Solomon Alexander. | 50. | Ebenezer Nurse.    |

## GALLERY PEWS.

|    |                        |     |                      |
|----|------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1. | Daniel W. Farrar.      | 17. | Daniel W. Farrar.    |
| 2. | Nathan Newell.         | 18. | Joseph Butler.       |
| 3. | Joshua Harrington, Jr. | 19. | Joseph Wheeler.      |
| 4. | Thomas French.         | 20. | Daniel W. Farrar.    |
| 5. | Joseph Cutting.        | 21. | Joseph Alexander.    |
| 6. | Stephen Farrar.        | 22. | Daniel Lawrence, Jr. |
| 7. | Aaron Holt.            | 23. | Daniel W. Farrar.    |
| 8. | Moses Aldrich.         | 24. | Daniel W. Farrar.    |

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| 9. Daniel W. Farrar.  | 25. Daniel W. Farrar. |
| 10. Daniel W. Farrar. | 26. Daniel W. Farrar. |
| 11. Daniel W. Farrar. | 27. Daniel W. Farrar. |
| 12. Daniel W. Farrar. | 28. Daniel W. Farrar. |
| 13. Levi Starkey.     | 29. Daniel W. Farrar. |
| 14. Daniel W. Farrar. | 30. Daniel W. Farrar. |
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| 16. Daniel W. Farrar. | 32. William Lawrence. |

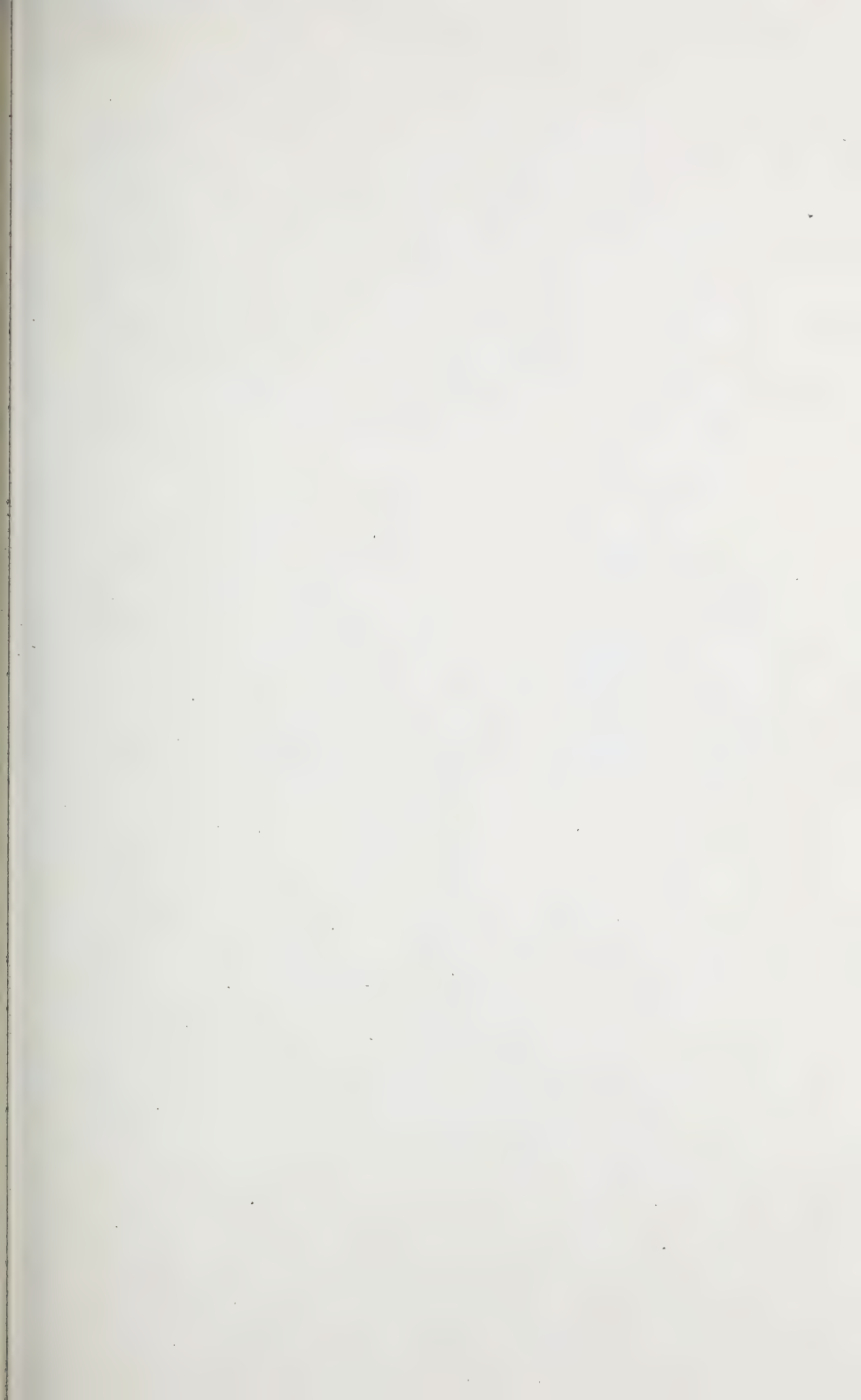
To have and to hold the same together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said town of Troy forever.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this thirty-first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixteen.

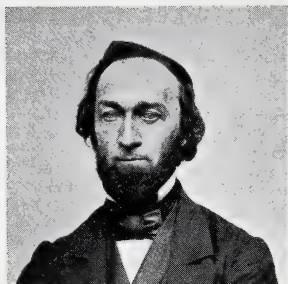
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| In presence of us,  | ISAAC FULLER.     | [L. S.] |
| WILLIAM BARNARD.    | GEORGE FARRAR.    | [L. S.] |
| SYLVESTER P. FLINT. | DANIEL W. FARRAR. | [L. S.] |
| ABRAHAM COOLIDGE.   | DANIEL CUTTING.   | [L. S.] |
| CALEB PERRY.        | DAVID WHITE.      | [L. S.] |

A new religious society was formed Dec. 16, 1833, by the name of the Trinitarian Congregational Society of Troy, composed mostly of the members of the church, and a new constitution adopted.

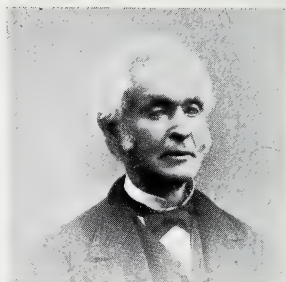
The question of a new house of worship for the use of the society soon became a prominent factor, and at a society meeting held Nov. 12, 1834, it was voted to build a new meeting house, and a building committee chosen, consisting of Abel Baker, Solomon Goddard, Charles W. Whitney, Alpheus Crosby, Amos Sibley, Luke Harris, and Moses S. Perkins, who were authorized to obtain a suitable lot, and make contracts for building, leaving it discretionary with them to build with brick or wood. It was afterward voted that the house should be fifty-six feet long by forty-four wide, with a vestry under the roof. The land was contributed by Daniel W. Farrar, and it is presumed that operations were commenced the following spring, and the house completed early in the fall, for September 26th, the society voted to accept the report of



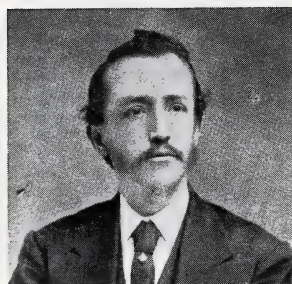




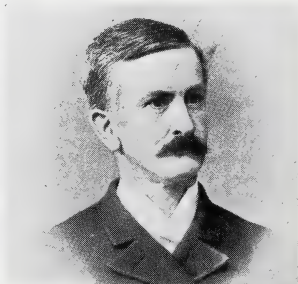
REV. DANIEL GOODHUE.



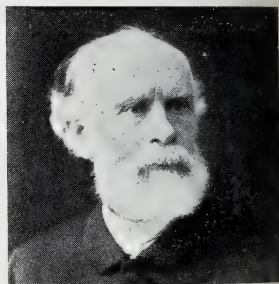
REV. LEVI BRIGHAM.



REV. JAMES MARSHALL.



REV. DAVID W. GOODALE.



REV. JOSIAH MERRILL.



REV. WM. P. CLANCY.



REV. DIGHTON MOSES.

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the building committee as to the expense of the house, which was \$1,994.

The basement of the meeting house was built of granite, by Alpheus Crosby, at his expense, and was fitted up and used as one or two tenements until 1871, when it was purchased by the society, together with some of the adjoining land, of the owner, William A. Harris, and made over into a vestry for the use of the church.



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The choice of pews was given Daniel W. Farrar, as compensation for the land upon which the house stands, which is the present Congregational church.

The society received in 1872, a legacy from the estate of Mrs. Sophronia W. Jones, through which her residence became the property of the society for a parsonage, which was used and occupied as such until 1893, when the property was sold to Herbert A. Marshall, and a lot purchased of George N. Parmenter, on the Jaffrey road, upon which a new parsonage was built during the fall of 1893.

A call was extended to Rev. Jeremiah Pomeroy, a graduate of Amherst College and Auburn Theological Seminary,

to become the first pastor of the Trinitarian society, and the third of the church, at a salary of four hundred dollars. He was installed Jan. 6, 1836, the introductory prayer being given by Rev. Giles Lyman of Jaffrey; Rev. L. P. Bates of Templeton, Mass., preached the sermon, the installing prayer was by Rev. Vinson Gould of Bernards-ton, Mass., charge by Rev. S. G. Clapp of Enfield, Mass., the right hand of fellowship was by Rev. Moses I. Grosvenor of Marlborough, the charge to the people by Rev. Z. S. Barstow of Keene, and the concluding prayer by



CONGREGATIONAL PARSONAGE.

Rev. Mr. Sabin of Fitzwilliam. There were several seasons of unusual interest during his ministry which continued until Feb. 27, 1844, when he was dismissed. He went to Harrisville, on leaving Troy, where he labored successfully for four years, when he went to Massachusetts.

Rev. Luther Townsend was ordained and installed pastor, March 5, 1845. He was a native of Fitzwilliam, and was born Aug. 12, 1813. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1839, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1842.

Mr. Townsend was pastor for fifteen years, being dismissed May 22, 1860, after which he returned to Fitzwilliam in feeble health, where he died of consumption, Feb. 9, 1862, aged forty-nine years.

From this time until September, 1865, there was no regular pastor, preaching being maintained by supplies, who were the Rev. Messrs. Easmon, Perry, Whitcomb, Jenkins, Alexander, Miller, Brown, Spaulding, Roberts and Beckwith.

Rev. Daniel Goodhue came in the fall of 1865, and remained until about April 1, 1868, and was succeeded by Rev. Levi Brigham.

Mr. Brigham was born in Marlborough, Mass., Oct. 14, 1806; graduated at Williams College, 1833, and Andover Theological Seminary, 1836. Previous to coming here he preached in Dunstable, Mass., for fourteen years, and in Saugus, Mass., for eighteen years. He was pastor for eight years, or until Sept. 12, 1876, when he returned to his native town, where he died a few years since.

Rev. James Marshall was pastor from February, 1877, until his death, which occurred in April, 1878. The services of Rev. David W. Goodale were secured the following September. He was born in Douglass, Mass., Dec. 28, 1847; graduated from Monson Academy, 1871; Amherst College, 1875; Andover Theological Seminary, 1878. He was ordained and installed as pastor, Oct. 1, 1878. He resigned September, 1883, going to Sudbury, Mass. He was settled in Hillsborough Bridge, N. H., for several years, but is now at Suffield, Conn.

Rev. Josiah Merrill became the next pastor soon after the resignation of Mr. Goodale, and continued in that relation until the latter part of 1891, when he resigned on account of advanced age and feeble health. He died at Lynn, Mass., in the summer of 1894.



Rev. Benjamin W. Pennock was pastor one year, from February 1892, till February 1893, and was succeeded by Rev. William P. Clancy, who commenced his labors July 1, 1893.

Rev. Dighton Moses became pastor in the fall of 1896.

For several years after the organization of the church no person held the office of deacon, probably some member of the church committee acting in that capacity. Since the organization of the church eleven persons have served as deacons.

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| Danforth Colburn, Jr., | was elected July 3, 1823. |
| Caleb Winch,           | " Jan. 18, 1825.          |
| Abel Baker,            | " June 30, 1826.          |
| Easman Alexander,      | " Sept. 14, 1827.         |
| Edwin Buttrick,        | " Sept. 4, 1863.          |
| Luther Whittemore,     | " Jan. 1, 1864.           |
| Barrett Ripley,        | " Sept. 3, 1868.          |
| James C. Parker,       | " Jan. 3, 1884.           |
| Oliver W. Smith,       | " April 5, 1891.          |
| Asa C. Dort,           | " Nov. 23, 1893.          |
| Thomas A. Birtwhistle, | " Nov. 23, 1893.          |

Deacons Baker, Alexander and Buttrick served the church from the time of their election to the office until their death, the two former for about thirty-six years each, and the latter for twenty-eight years, nearly.

#### THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

In November, 1789, a Baptist church was organized at the house of Agabus Bishop, in the southwestern part of what is now the town of Troy, with twenty-five members, whose names are as follows:

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| Agabus Bishop.  | Thomas Tolman. |
| Rebekah Bishop. | Eben Ormsby.   |
| Thomas Clark.   | Hannah Ormsby. |
| Mary Clark.     | Elijah Ormsby. |
| Rufus Freeman.  | Eleazor Mason. |



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| Phebe Freeman.       | Daniel Bullard.     |
| Isaac Jackson.       | Sarah Bullard.      |
| Sarah Jackson.       | Jesse Bishop.       |
| Joseph Aldrich.      | Rebekah Bishop, II. |
| Lucy Aldrich.        | Timothy Godding.    |
| John Godding.        | Ruth Godding.       |
| Mary Godding.        | Mary Starkey.       |
| Rebekah Bishop, III. |                     |

A set of articles of faith were adopted, the original of which has been preserved, and is in keeping of the clerk of the church in Troy.

This church was known for about twenty-five years as the "Baptist Church of Fitzwilliam." For about twelve years after the organization, the church was without regular preaching services, but were favored occasionally with the services of the pastors of several neighboring Baptist churches. The following year considerable religious interest was manifest, and as a result the church licensed Mr. Rufus Freeman to preach the Gospel, and for a length of time not definitely known he furnished them with regular preaching.

For over forty years, or until 1836, they had no regular place of worship, school and dwelling houses furnishing the places for its meetings. In 1836, under the pastoral labors of Rev. Obed Sperry, they united in worshipping with the First Congregational society, and met with them in the town house in the village. For some time the church was the owner of but one hymn book. Deacon Mason read the hymns; reading two lines, and then they sang them, and then he would read two more lines, and so on. And when a sufficient supply was purchased, it is said that he remarked that he "was sorry, as he was deprived of a great privilege."

Nov. 10, 1810, Arunah Allen was licensed to preach the Gospel, and was engaged by them as their settled minister

at a salary of fifty dollars a year for his services, and a council called to ordain him.

About the time when the town of Troy was incorporated in 1815, this church was divided into two branches. The branch in Troy assuming the name of the "Fitzwilliam and Troy Baptist Church," and the branch in Fitzwilliam assuming the name of the "First Baptist Church of Fitzwilliam." Some eighteen of its members were dismissed to become the nucleus of the latter church.

In 1817, December 18, the church voted to "call Brother Darius Fisher to ordination, and then to become their pastor." He held this relation for sixteen years, or until his death in 1834. A remarkable circumstance about the pastorate of Elder Fisher was that he received a salary of one dollar and a half a year and the shoeing of his horse.

From 1825 to 1836 there are no records whatever pertaining to the church except a document which shows that in 1827 Elder Fisher organized a missionary society, called the "Male and Female Society of Fitzwilliam and Troy for Missionary purposes."

In 1836, the "Fitzwilliam and Troy Baptist Church" assumed the name of "The First Baptist Church of Troy."

Rev. Obed Sperry became pastor in 1836, and served two years. From 1839 till 1844, Rev. John Woodbury was in charge of the pastorate. In 1840, he was aided in his labors by the famous evangelist, Rev. John Peacock, and a glorious revival was the result. During the five years of Mr. Woodbury's service there were thirty-one additions to the church.

Rev. P. P. Sanderson next served the church as pastor from 1845 to 1846, one year.

In 1846, the Rev. Phineas Howe was called to the pastorate, but felt obliged to resign on account of ill health.

In 1847, at the meetings of the church, the question of the relations of the church to the liquor traffic were discussed, and they decided by vote, "That it was wrong to license men to sell spiritous liquors as a beverage." The church thus early taking a decided stand in the direction of temperance.

Rev. A. M. Piper succeeded to the pastorate in 1847, and served five years, during which time seven persons were added to the church. During the pastorate of Mr. Piper, steps were taken to build a house of worship of



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their own. At a church meeting on March 30, 1848, they voted to build a meeting house, and appointed a building committee consisting of the following persons: L. Brown, L. C. Clark, E. Lyon, A. S. Clark, and C. Mason. These brethren entered vigorously into the discharge of their duties. A site was obtained, the work commenced, and soon a convenient house was completed, and in January, 1849, it was dedicated with appropriate services to the worship of God. Here, from that time down to the present,

they have been enabled to maintain the regular ministration of the Gospel.

Rev. A. B. Eggleston became pastor in 1853, and remained with them for two years. Rev. Joseph Mitchell followed in 1856, and labored with the church for one year. Rev. P. P. Briggs next supplied the pulpit for one year. At the commencement of his labors he was assisted by Rev. John Peacock, the evangelist, and as a result of their combined labors, about thirty members were added to their membership.

Rev. John Fairman was pastor during the year 1857. In 1858, the church extended a call to Rev. C. D. Fuller, who labored with them for two years. Rev. J. B. Bills next had charge of the pastorate, remaining only a few months. From 1860 till 1862, the pulpit was supplied by W. H. Chamberlain. From 1862 till 1864, the church had no settled pastor, Rev. E. K. Bailey supplying the pulpit during these two years.

Rev. J. S. Herrick was next called to become their pastor. He began his labors in 1864, and was pastor for fourteen years, or until 1878. During his pastorate some seventy-eight additions were made in the church membership. Mr. Herrick had to retire from active labor on account of poor health.

Daniel R. Herrick, son of J. S. Herrick, was licensed to preach, and the church called him to become their pastor, calling a council for his ordination. He was pastor a little over a year, 1878-79, when he was obliged to retire on account of ill health. During his pastorate, twenty-four united with the church. During the succeeding two years the church was without a pastor, the pulpit being supplied by various ministers.

Rev. O. E. Brown became pastor in 1881 and remained with the church for three years, being succeeded in 1884

by Rev. W. F. Grant, who labored with them for four years, resigning in 1888.

Rev. L. E. Scharf became pastor in October, 1889, and remained with them two years, when he resigned, and Rev. D. R. Herrick again became the pastor for a short period, six months, being succeeded by Rev. W. W. Hackett, who resigned about Jan. 1, 1894, being succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. E. W. Dow.

The church has licensed eleven young men to preach the Gospel, all of whom, except two, have served the church as pastors.

The following persons have served as deacons:

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| Eleazor Mason. | Luke C. Clark.    |
| A. Stone.      | Howard Clark.     |
| T. Godding.    | Alvah S. Clark.   |
| E. Lyon.       | A. M. Smith.      |
| I. Stowell.    | Charles W. Brown. |
| Lemuel Brown.  | Frank L. Brown.   |

Mr. Godding was elected in 1818, and served for thirty-eight years, and Mr. Alvah S. Clark has also served for about thirty-eight years.

During the early years of the church's history, and at times in its later years, the church has had to contend against adverse influences, growing out of a variety of causes or circumstances, which have hindered its prosperity. Years ago there existed in most of the New England States, as well as in New Hampshire, what was called the "Standing order," which compelled all property holders to pay a church tax for the maintenance of the State church. This law worked very disadvantageously against the members of this church, for they were not rich in worldly goods, and consequently every dollar they were compelled to pay for the support of another society, lessened the means of supporting their own society. Thus



we see their pecuniary resources, for a considerable time, were not sufficient to meet all demands made upon them, and necessary to be met, in order to promote the rapid and vigorous growth of the church.

Another hindrance has been the frequent pastoral changes that have taken place, and also the frequent removals of the members to other churches in the land, seeking their fortunes elsewhere in their attempt to better their condition in life. Several causes have led to the frequent pastoral changes. In the past, if not at the present time, it has been the established policy of the denomination to oppose the practice of settling ministers for life. Another cause, as already stated, has been the pecuniary condition of the church, which has seemed to render the removals necessary.

There have been two exceptions to the prevailing practice of the denomination regarding pastoral changes. Rev. Darius Fisher was licensed by the church, ordained as pastor, holding the position for sixteen years, or until his death, which took place in 1834. The other was Rev. J. S. Herrick, who was pastor for fourteen years.

There is in connection with the church a Ladies' Benevolent Society which has done much good work in the cause of humanity.

The membership of the church was one hundred and fourteen in 1895.

During the year 1892, extensive repairs were made to the church, and an addition built upon the east end for a vestry, affording commodious and pretty quarters for all church gatherings, while the interior arrangement of the church was changed, the pulpit and choir being placed at the east or opposite end, and the body of the church fitted with new and modern pews.

Deacon C. W. Brown was one of the prime factors in

the church's progress, and it was largely through his efforts that the improvements were carried out, and his was the first funeral to be held in the church after its completion.

The improvements and addition necessitated quite an outlay, but the church was fortunate in having the debt liquidated soon after, and at the present time they are free from any indebtedness.

#### THE UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY.

A few of the citizens of the town holding more liberal views upon religion than either of the religious societies, called a meeting at the town hall to consider the expediency of forming a new society. Isaac Aldrich, Jr., was chosen moderator, and Leonard Farrar, clerk, and those present voted to form a new society; and a committee chosen to prepare a constitution, consisting of Leonard Farrar, Charles Carpenter and Isaac Aldrich, Jr. At an adjourned meeting Sept. 25, 1858, this committee reported a constitution which was adopted, and the society assumed the name of "The First Liberal Union Society of Troy."

At an adjourned meeting two days after, this society elected its officers as follows, viz: Isaac Aldrich, Jr., president; Charles Carpenter, Francis Foster, Stephen B. Farrar, directors; John Clement, secretary.

The society never had a settled minister, but hired different persons for limited periods, the services being held in the town hall.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND LOCAL TRADITIONS.

TOPOGRAPHY.—LIST OF MILLS AND SHOPS THIRTY YEARS AGO.—WILD ANIMALS.—WOLF AND BEAR HUNTS.

According to a computation made by Capt. J. S. Adams of Fitzwilliam, for Dr. A. M. Caverly, Troy comprises an area of twelve miles, four hundred eighty-five acres and thirty-five rods, and is bounded on the north by Marlborough, on the east by Jaffrey, on the south by Fitzwilliam, and on the west by Swanzey and Richmond. The surface is very hilly and uneven; the highest part is Gap mountain, situated in the easterly part, and separated from the Monadnock by a deep ravine. The surface, so broken, affords almost every variety of soil, with some extensive meadows, both in the easterly and westerly parts, while in the central are some excellent interval lands. The south branch of the Ashuelot river passes through the center of the town. This rises from Rockwood pond in Fitzwilliam, flowing north, and in its course receives several tributaries, the first being the Keith brook, near the south line of the town; the second, the Jackson brook, which rises in Richmond, flows east and discharges its waters into the pond near the depot. The Ward brook, in the easterly part, drains the westerly slopes of the Monadnock and Gap mountains, and in its course towards the west, receives the Bowker brook, and turning north, enters the Branch just above the blanket mill dam. Brandy brook—so-called from the color of its water—rises in the south-east part of Marlborough, and flowing southwest enters

the Branch near the old Whitcomb and Forristall dam at the North End. Marlborough brook, formed of two branches, one from Stone pond and the other from Meeting House pond in Marlborough, flows south and enters the Branch near the residence of Winthrop Knight.

These streams have many small falls affording mill privileges, which have been more or less improved. Thirty-five years ago the first mill on the Branch was the woolen manufactory of Nurse & Wheeler, now known as the old blanket mill; just below this was the bark mill of Col. Wright; still lower down was the shoddy mill of Thomas Goodall, now called the middle mill. The sawmill and rake manufactory of Charles Carpenter was situated just above the site of the old Root sawmill, and where now stands Troy blanket mill.

Further down the stream was the sawmill of Capt. Sibley, now C. D. Farrar's, in a part of which was a chair manufactory under the superintendency of A. P. Perley. Still further north was the pail shop of E. Whitcomb and the sawmill of J. M. Forristall, both taking water from the same pond. The last mill on the Branch within the limits of the town was the clothespin manufactory of Jonas Bemis & Son; this privilege is now owned by Arthur Edwards. On the Jackson brook were the saw and stave mill of D. J. Fife and the Blanding pail shop. On the Ward brook was the saw and grist mill of Col. James R. and Alvah Stanley, and near its confluence with the Branch, the pail shop of E. Buttrick. In the south part of the town, on the Bowker brook, was a gristmill owned by George Damon.

Besides the mills already mentioned, there was a stave mill on a small branch of the Jackson brook owned by Charles Alexander, and a sawmill and pail handle manufactory on a small stream in the northwest part of the

town, owned by C. N. Garfield, now owned by Webster Corey. There was also a clothespin manufactory on this latter stream near the boundary line between Troy and Marlborough.

Until within a few years the greatest natural curiosity was the falls in the Ward brook, about one-half mile from the village. Within a few rods the waters of this stream descended over the rocks from one hundred and fifty to two hundred feet, which in time of high water formed a foaming cataract which presented a spectacle truly sublime, and surrounded as it was with woods, attracted many visitors. Near by is a granite quarry, formerly owned by Luther Whittemore, now the property of the Troy Granite Co., who have recently diverted the course of the stream for the purpose of taking out the stone, thus destroying the fall. This quarry contains a fine, beautiful granite, particularly well adapted for building purposes. Not much work was done here until within a few years, when large quantities of it have been quarried and carried away.

The east part of the town was originally covered with a heavy growth of maple, hemlock and beech, while the intervals in the central part were covered with a heavy growth of elm, yellow and white pine, hemlock and birch. The high lands in the west part were covered with maple, red oak and beech, while the swamps and low grounds were covered with alders, spruce, hemlock and brown ash.

In studying the history of any locality, and the changes which have been gradually taking place through a series of years, we naturally feel interested in every thing relating to its primitive state. This territory was a solitary wilderness when the first settlers arrived, the haunt of various species of birds and ferocious wild beasts. Among



the birds it is said that wild turkeys were abundant and that large numbers of them were annually killed by the settlers. It is not surprising that the wild beasts, feeling a natural pride in their inherited possessions, should be jealous of their intruders, and if they did not make personal attacks, that they should institute a sort of guerilla warfare upon property, especially when it stood in the way of a craving appetite, for they had never learned to exercise self denial, except in the presence of a superior power. The most troublesome of these animals were the wolf, bear and catamount. Of the former of these the settlers stood in no particular fear, as it is well known that a wolf will seldom attack a man unless severely goaded with hunger. But the wolf's great love of mutton was frequently betraying him into acts of petty larceny upon the flocks which were grazing in the pastures. He was often exceedingly greedy in his plunder, not content with what might seem an ordinary meal, but appropriating to himself a large proportion of the flock; and he carried his depredations to such an extent that the settlers commenced against him a warfare which has resulted in his total extermination. This warfare was sometimes carried on by regular organized companies, and whenever a neighbor's flock suffered, the citizens would turn out *en masse* and hunt down the common enemy. The usual method of conducting the wolf hunts was for the party to surround the woods in which the animal was supposed to have his home, and stationing a few experienced marksmen on one side, those upon the opposite side would march directly through, driving before them the object of their search, which on emerging from the woods was very likely to fall by a sentinel's shot. Sometimes after surrounding the woods, the hunters at a given signal marched directly towards the center, thus gradually closing

up, and the wolf being soon enclosed in a small circle, was easily killed.

Three of these wolf hunts occurred within the recollection of persons who related the facts to Dr. Caverly.

The first was in 1795, when it was known that several of these animals infested the woods which at that time covered the territory between "Cobb's road" and the Jacob Newell place, now owned by Franklin Whitcomb. A large number of individuals from this and the adjoining towns assembled and completely swept this forest, and they succeeded in driving from her retreat one old wolf, who on attempting to escape from her pursuers, was killed just as she was crossing Cobb's road, by Andrew Sherman, who had been stationed at that point. The signal was immediately given, and all assembled and marched to the Warren store, where they expended the bounty (twenty dollars), for liquor and refreshments, and so large was the number that each received only one glass of rum and two crackers.

The second wolf hunt was in 1797. One night in the fall of this year they killed ten sheep from the flock of Elijah Alexander, and a few nights after they killed twenty belonging to Levi Randall. Intelligence of this slaughter spread rapidly and a general wolf hunt was agreed upon. At this time it was known that these animals had retreated to the low ground west of Mr. Alexander's, since known as the "Clark swamp." At the appointed time about two hundred of the citizens assembled, and after a pretty thorough search they succeeded in starting up two wolves, one of which was killed and the other wounded. The remains of the wounded wolf were found, a few months after, on the side of the hill near the residence of Joseph Alexander, Jr., now Walter Elliott's. After a time the huntsmen reassembled, and with the wolf

which had been killed, took up their line of march for the house of John Sweetland. In the meantime a messenger had been dispatched to Jonas Robinson with orders for him to meet them with an abundant supply of crackers, rum and sugar. Robinson promptly obeyed the summons, and was soon on the way with a wagon load of the specified articles. When all had arrived at the place of rendezvous, a circle was formed and the toddy and crackers, to the value of the bounty, were passed round, and all present had a jolly good time.

But the power of this enemy was not yet crushed, although it was greatly weakened. Sheep were continually being missed from the flocks of the farmers, and in many instances the theft was traced to a sly old animal, known as the three-legged wolf. This was one that had been caught in a trap and had lost a part of one foot; and although repeated attempts had been made to kill her, she had always eluded the hunter and had established such a reputation for shrewdness that to destroy her was thought to require the exercise of consummate skill. To this animal the attention of the sportsmen was earnestly directed; she was carefully sought, both by day and by night, and whenever surprised, she was found to retreat to the swamp which had been the scene of the previous search. Her location having been determined, another and more thorough search was resolved upon by the inhabitants. At the time appointed, a large number assembled with guns and dogs and invested the swamp in which the animal was secreted, and having carefully guarded every point of escape, a searching party entered and commenced a thorough examination of every part. The old wolf, thinking that a certain class of animals were getting a little too neighborly, attempted to change her location, and in doing so received a charge from the gun of Jonathan

Capron, and fell. But she was only wounded, and, on an attempt being made to dispatch her by a blow with the end of a musket, she seized and severely shattered the stock, consequently she was killed by lodging in her head the contents of the barrel. The signal of victory was given as on former occasions, and the hunters reassembled, and with the trophy of their victory, marched to the village and partook of the usual refreshments of crackers and rum, which was served to them by Jonas Robinson, upon the common, where by the combined operation of the jubilant and ardent spirits, a comical scene was exhibited. The bounty having been exhausted, the company dispersed, but whether all reached their homes that night or not, it would be impossible to tell. This was the last general wolf hunt of which any knowledge was obtained; other wolves were occasionally killed, but usually by small parties and without much ceremony.

Bears were less numerous than wolves, and much more dreaded by the inhabitants. This dread arose not so much from real danger, when the animal was treated with due respect, as from the fact that when wounded or insulted he was known to be a formidable foe. The bear, too, was exceedingly fond of mutton, and was very particular in his selection, for a sheep of ordinary quality he would never molest so long as there was a better in the flock. His carnivorous propensities were not limited to sheep alone, but were directed to a great variety of animals. Hence calves, swine, and other domestic animals occasionally became the victims of his rapacity. In his predatory excursions he often exhibited a singular boldness, entering the barnyards, barns, and in some instances even the dwellings of the inhabitants. To destroy this formidable beast required the exercise of courage, caution, and the most effective weapons, for if wounded, merely,



the hunter's only safety was in maintaining a respectful distance. His great tenacity of life and the danger attending a contest with him, were enough to deter most men from engaging in it single-handed. Consequently he was seldom molested except by strong parties, well armed and prepared for almost any emergency.

In many instances these animals were taken in a trap, usually made of wood, although steel traps were occasionally used. The wooden or log traps—as they were called—were constructed by driving stakes into the ground in a semi-circular form and in close proximity to each other, the whole forming a sort of a tent-like recess, with an opening for egress. At this opening were placed two small logs or poles, one on the ground, and the other directly over it, and so arranged that when elevated it would fall upon the lower one, and be held there by upright stakes on either side. When prepared for use, the upper pole was raised to a proper height and held there by a small brace, from which a spindle projected inward. To the end of this spindle was attached the bait, and the bear to obtain this, had to pass in between the poles, and a small motion of the spindle displaced the brace and the elevated pole descended upon his body. This was a condition from which he had not power to extricate himself, and consequently was easily dispatched by the hunter.

Many anecdotes of these animals have come down to us from the early settlers, some showing their peculiar habits, others the terror inspired by their presence.

One morning in the spring of 1777, Mrs. Daniel Lawrence left home with the intention of visiting Mrs. Thomas Tolman. At that time the only bridge, near the site of the present so-called Ward bridge, was a foot bridge made of logs. Just as Mrs. Lawrence stepped upon one end of this, a bear jumped upon the opposite end and was



advancing to meet her. Mrs. Lawrence, on beholding the monster, turned and fled as for her life, directing her steps to the nearest house, Mr. Ward's. On reaching the house she was so exhausted that she fainted and fell. When she had so far recovered as to be able to give utterance, she explained the cause of her fright, upon which several men, well armed, went in pursuit of the bear, but never found him.

Jacob Newell related a story which was remembered by the older inhabitants. One afternoon shortly after he settled here, he went into the woods in pursuit of game. Going beyond his intended limits he lost his way, became bewildered, and darkness coming on, he found it impossible to reach home that night. Consequently, when he could no longer see to travel, he lay down under a large log for the night. But his rest was continually disturbed by the screeching of the owl, and the hideous noise of the wolf and other wild beasts, the very tramping of whose feet he could distinctly hear. As soon as daylight appeared he rose from his leafy couch, when, to his great terror, up rose a huge bear from the opposite side of the same log. The surprise was mutual and neither party seemed disposed to commence a quarrel, and after gazing upon each other awhile, the bear walked slowly away, and towards noon that day, Mr. Newell, fortunately, reached his little clearing in safety.

Bears sometimes made sad work in the cornfields, breaking down and devouring large quantities of the corn. In 1799, a large bear commenced his depredations in the cornfield of Dea. Silas Fife. The deacon thinking that the carcass of the bear might compensate him for the loss of his corn, made a log trap, and after baiting it so that it should appear as desirable as possible, he left the field, that bruin might not be disturbed in his operations. The

next time the bear appeared in the field, thinking that he smelt sheep, and being somewhat anxious to change his diet, immediately hunted up the log trap. But his meal was only in anticipation, for he had but just reached it, when down came the log upon him, and the Fife family soon had a feast of his flesh.

On one occasion, Dea. Timothy Godding and Benjamin Tolman were at work together clearing a piece of land. In the morning, before going out to work they put their meat and beans into a kettle, which, by the way, had no bail; but this was readily supplied by a withe, and by this the whole was suspended upon a stick over a small fire in a stone fireplace, and it was supposed that the pork and beans would be nicely cooked for their dinner. But on their return at noon, to their great surprise they could find neither the kettle nor its contents. On a careful examination, the tracks of a bear were found in and about their little cabin. So it was evident that he was attracted there by the smell of the meat, and being somewhat hungry, he put his head into the kettle to obtain it, and burning his nose, attempted to dodge backwards, and the wooden bail caught upon his neck and he deliberately walked away with the kettle, pork and beans. Sometime after this, the kettle was found in a swamp, where bruin had probably left it to cool.

One afternoon shortly after Thomas Tolman settled here, Mrs. Tolman sent a young lad who was living in the family, a few rods only from the house, to get a pail of water. He had been absent but a few moments, when hearing a scream, Mrs. Tolman stepped to the door to learn the cause, and to her amazement she saw a bear rapidly approaching the boy. In an instant she seized the broom, the only weapon at hand, and rushed to his assistance. The bear, not fancying so formidable a weapon,

turned and fled into the woods, and thus the boy was fortunately saved.

In the fall of the year 1773, the cornfield of Daniel Goodenough (who was at that time a neighbor of Dea. Fife), was savagely ravaged by bears. Being somewhat provoked at the loss of his corn, Mr. Goodenough determined on the bear's destruction. He was an experienced hunter, but would never use a trap, so one moonlight night he put on his overcoat, took his gun, and went into the woods to watch for his game. He walked cautiously about for awhile, when feeling chilly he crept under a large log, and lay down to listen. Pretty soon he heard a little noise near, and thinking he would ascertain the cause, he very carefully raised his head to look over the log. Just at that moment a bear placed both fore paws upon the opposite side of the log, and was peeping over to see what was behind it. Quick as thought, on seeing the monster's head, Goodenough aimed his gun and fired. No sooner had he discharged his gun, than, knowing the peril of encountering a wounded bear, he jumped upon his feet and fled for home. Not daring to venture back that night to learn the result of his shot, he waited until morning, and then in company with some of his neighbors he returned to the scene of his evening's operations, and at a little distance from the log found the lifeless body of the bear.

But probably one of the most remarkable encounters with a bear, especially when we take into consideration the almost miraculous escape of the individual concerned, took place a few years later. One of the early settlers in the town went to a neighbor's house about a mile distant to get some potatoes. On his return early in the evening, with his bag of potatoes on his shoulder, he saw in the path just before him what he took to be an enormous

bear, just in the attitude of making upon him a fatal spring. Instantly his hair stood erect, and he trembled in every joint. He was unarmed, and what to do he knew not. Flight seemed the only alternative, but this was impossible for the animal was close upon him, and even at the very thoughts of flight, he seemed almost to feel his relentless fangs in his back. Considering his days numbered, he paused a moment, and then resolved to die manfully, and, like the brave Spartans at Thermopyle, sell his life as dearly as possible. So dropping his potatoes, he seized a large lever which, fortunately, was at hand, and raising it, advanced with trembling steps towards his deadly foe. He moved a step, then paused—took another step, paused again—the poor man saw clearly his doom in the monster's teeth and in the fire of his eye. It was an awful condition, death seemed inevitable. But he resolved that the savage beast should feel the weight of his uplifted club, so straining every muscle, he brought it with herculean power upon the head of his unflinching foe. His weapon dropped from his hand, and he stood a pale, trembling, helpless victim, completely in the power of his mighty antagonist! But be not alarmed, for the man escaped, his antagonist was only a *stump*.

The catamount was the most ferocious of all the wild beasts of New Hampshire. His great size, strength and agility of movement, together with his formidable weapons, rendered him the terror both of man and beast; and when provoked, no animal could stand before him. Fortunately but a few such monsters have ever existed in this vicinity, and it is not now known that more than three or four have ever been seen within the limits of the town.

One of the most remarkable of this class of animals was once killed by Dea. Fife, near his house. Soon after settling here, his father came to make him a visit, and as



the custom was in those days, he brought his axe to assist his son in clearing the forest. One day as they were chopping a little west of the pond, which was near by, they discovered a deer that had just been killed by some unknown monster of the wilderness. Being somewhat alarmed, they immediately decided to take measures to rid the forest of so dangerous a visitor. Without delay, young Fife took his father's horse and went to Rindge and procured of Dea. Lovejoy of that town, a large steel trap. As the sun was setting, with trap, gun and axe in hand, the father and son sought the carcass of the deer. During their absence, much to their surprise, it had been drawn several rods and finally taken up and carried away, so that they could track it no farther. But finding the heart and liver, they felled a tree, from which they cut a log and hitched the same to the trap, which they placed in a position to take the fatal grip whenever the animal should return to obtain the fragments of his slaughtered victim. The next morning the deacon took his musket and in company with his father, was soon on the ground, and to their astonishment, the trap, log and all were gone. With much caution they followed the track of the log in the direction towards the pond, near which they perceived the animal with his appendages permanently entangled among the rocks. When they had arrived within a few rods, the monster reared on his hind legs, and as he took a survey of his enemy, gnashed his teeth and seemed to bid defiance to them. But as young Fife raised his gun to his eye, his father pleaded with him not to fire, fearing that the catamount would kill them both. But crack went the musket, and at first seemed to make no impression upon him, so the gun was quickly reloaded and brought to the eye a second time, but seeing his fury abating and that he was trembling, he waited a moment and the animal fell. On



approaching him it was found that he was dead, the ball having pierced his heart. The animal was a very large one, and measured thirteen feet and four inches from his nose to the end of his tail. The skin was stuffed and afterwards sold to the proprietors of the Boston Museum for forty-five dollars.

## CHAPTER IX.

### BURYING GROUNDS.

FIRST BURYING GROUND.—FIRST PUBLIC BURYING GROUND.—MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY.—LIST OF THOSE INTERRED IN THE OLD CEMETERY.

The first interments within the limits of this town were made in ground held as private property. We have no means of knowing when the first death in town occurred, but it was probably about the year 1772, when a child of Jonathan Shaw died, and was buried near the paternal residence. In a few years other persons in the neighborhood died and were interred in the same ground, for when a small lot had been set apart by a family for burial purposes, other neighboring families often deposited there their dead, so that this became the burying ground for the use of that part of the town at that early period, although it was never really public property. The last interment there was more than one hundred years ago and the soil has repeatedly changed owners. The ruthless ravages of time and the cultivation of the soil, long since destroyed the mounds and it would be impossible to find a vestige of them. Thus the last resting place of past generations become lost, for it was not then customary to mark the places by the erection of monuments or even slabs of stone to perpetuate the memory of departed humanity.

In 1797, another burying ground of family origin was commenced in the extreme westerly part of the town, which was near the road and some little distance west of the present residence of Leonard H. Merrifield. A child of

William Starkey died that year, and this location was selected for the burial. This land, although owned by Mr. Starkey, was used as a common ground, and for several years was the receptacle for most of the dead in that vicinity, some dozen or fifteen persons being interred there. This lot was originally enclosed by a stone wall, except at the entrance, but the wall is now nearly gone and it is covered with trees, so that it is very difficult to find traces of the graves.

The last interment in this place was made beyond the recollection of any person now living, but Mrs. Samantha Whitcomb, who was born and reared in that neighborhood, has given the names of those buried there with the location of their graves, which is no doubt substantially correct, as indicated in the following diagram :

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| Mrs. Gove and<br>three children.                          | Daughter of Tyler Tenney.  |
| Child of Baxter.  | Mr. Tenney.  |
|   | Melachi Tarpey and child.  |
|   | Peter Starkey, wife,<br>Malone Starkey, and<br>daughter Malone.    |
| Mr. Davenport, his<br>mother and three<br>small children. | William Starkey and wife;<br>his son and wife<br>and one daughter. |

The first public burying ground was a donation to the town of Marlborough, in 1785, by William Barker, the first settler. He formerly owned considerable land near what is now Troy village, and in his disposition of the same, he reserved about one acre, which he deeded to the town for a burying ground, and which constitutes the

larger part of what is now known as the old cemetery. This lot was fenced, and soon after, several interments were made, the first being Mrs. Sally Kendall. Mrs. Kendall was the eldest daughter of Jacob Newell, and married Nathan Kendall, who died at her father's house soon after her marriage. No monument was ever erected to her memory, and the exact date of her death cannot be given, but is supposed to have been sometime in the fall of 1785. Two children of William Barker were probably the next to be interred there, the first being Olive, who died Jan. 7, 1786; the second, Luke, who died March 5, the same year. Nancy, another daughter of Jacob Newell, was also buried there about this time. Many of the earlier graves are destitute of stones, so that we have no clue to the names of the persons whose remains they contain. The yard contains the remains of some member or members of nearly all the families who have lived in the central part of the town.

For many years this was enclosed by only a temporary fence, but in 1839 the town voted to enlarge the yard by the addition of about three-fourths of an acre at the west end, which was then enclosed with an ordinary stone wall.

The cemetery was further enlarged in 1863, when the town purchased an additional lot of land of Jacob Boyce and the Wheeler heirs. In a few years this became too small for the requirements of the town, and it became necessary that a new burying ground should be secured.

The matter was brought before the town at the annual meeting in 1873, but no definite action was taken until the next year. Several localities were mentioned, and Lemuel W. Brown offered to give the town a lot of land, which was situated on the west side of the highway, and now owned by Fred E. Whitcomb. This was not considered a suitable place and the offer was not accepted by

the town. At a special meeting held April 30, 1874, William G. Silsby, William J. Boyden and George H. Aldrich were chosen a committee to procure a piece of land for a cemetery. They purchased six acres of David W. Farrar, being part of the Ward place, so-called, five hundred dollars being paid for the same. A like sum was appropriated for fencing it and laying out into lots, which was expended under the direction of W. G. Silsby, W. N. Watson and W. J. Boyden. The larger part of this land faces the east and the grand old Monadnock mountain, and therefore received the name of Mountain View Cemetery.

The following year, a receiving tomb was built at an expense of three hundred dollars.

The following table giving the name, time of decease, and age of all persons whose remains were interred in the old cemetery, so far as could be ascertained, was compiled by Mr. George E. Aldrich, for Dr. Caverly, and is given here entire as published in his "History of Troy."

| Name.                   | Family Connection.           | Time of Decease. | Age. |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------|
| Alexander, Ellinor,     | dau. of Easman and Lucy.     | 1838. Feb. 21.   | 28   |
| Alexander, Hannah.      |                              | 1832. Dec. 20.   | 18   |
| Alexander, Annis.       |                              | 1834. Mar. 12.   | 22   |
| Alexander, Elizabeth.   |                              | 1836. Mar. 18.   | 27   |
| Alexander, Elijah,      | son of Joseph and Lucretia.  | 1832. Mar. 20.   | 8    |
| Alexander, Elijah, Jr., | son of Joseph and Lucretia.  | 1826. Sept. 29.  | 3    |
| Alexander, Louisa,      | dau. of Joseph and Lucretia. | 1826. Oct. 13.   | 6    |
| Aldrich, Olive,         | wife of Capt. David.         | 1840. June 17.   | 28   |
| Aldrich, Abigail A.,    | dau. of Isaac and Abigail.   | 1839. Mar. 25.   | 25   |
| Aldrich, Julius C.,     | son of Isaac and Abigail.    | 1855. July 22.   | 33   |
| Aldrich, Abba M.,       | dau. of Isaac, Jr.           | 1844. Jan. 26.   | 9m.  |
| Aldrich, Abigail A.,    | wife of Isaac.               | 1858. Aug. 21.   | 77   |
| Amadon, Josiah.         |                              | 1847. July 6.    | 59   |
| Amadon, Lydia,          | wife of Josiah.              | 1827. Jan. 15.   | 37   |
| Barker, William.        |                              | 1798. Oct. 5.    | 62   |
| Barker, William, Jr.,   | son of William and Jane.     | 1790. Apr. 12.   | 28   |
| Barker, Ruth,           | dau. of William and Jane.    | 1790. Apr. 7.    | 24   |



| Name.                  | Family Connection.          | Time of Decease. | Age. |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------|
| Barker, Luke,          | son of William and Jane.    | 1786. Mar. 3.    | 14   |
| Barker, Olive,         | dau. of William and Jane.   | 1786. Jan. 7.    | 2    |
| Ball, Daniel.          |                             | 1830. Feb. 23.   | 74   |
| Ball, Lydia,           | wife of Daniel.             | 1840. Oct. 13.   | 86   |
| Ballou, Moses.         |                             | 1838. Oct. 3.    | 57   |
| Ballou, Welcome.       |                             | 1857. Nov. 3.    | 34   |
| Bemis, Edmund.         |                             | 1857. Feb. 12.   | 90   |
| Bemis, Susannah,       | wife of Edmund.             | 1848. Jan. 5.    | 93   |
| Bemis, Luther.         |                             | 1842. Sept. 6.   | 46   |
| Bemis, Sarah,          | wife of Luther.             | 1845. Mar. 24.   | 48   |
| Bemis, Elijah.         |                             | 1852. Nov. 1.    | 48   |
| Bemis, Martin L.,      | son of George F.            | 1852. July 3.    |      |
| Bent, Sarah,           | wife of Levi.               | 1849. Mar. 23.   | 23   |
| Bishop, William.       |                             | 1831. Feb. 6.    | 57   |
| Bishop, Betsey,        | wife of William.            | 1830. Aug. 21.   | 57   |
| Bishop, George.        |                             | 1828. July 10.   | 22   |
| Bellows, Ann E.,       | dau. of John and Melissa.   | 1838. Sept. 17.  | 4    |
| Bellows, Alfred A.,    | son of John and Melissa.    | 1848. Sept. 9.   | 2    |
| Bellows, Frederick A., | son of John and Melissa.    | 1848. Sept. 20.  | 7 m. |
| Blanchard, Melissa,    | wife of Hosea.              | 1856. May 6.     | 63   |
| Blanding, Harvey.      |                             | 1859. Mar. 23.   | 50   |
| Bolster, Betsey,       | wife of Aaron.              | 1851. Apr. 3.    | 51   |
| Boyden, Sarah A.,      | dau. of Ira and Thirza.     | 1847. Mar. 14.   | 20   |
| Boynton, Clementine,   | dau. of David and Bethia.   | 1830. July 10.   | 25   |
| Bruce, Sarah,          | wife of Cyrus.              | 1851. Feb. 10.   | 51   |
| Bruce, Helen M.,       | dau. of Cyrus and Sarah.    | 1848. Aug. 24.   | 22   |
| Bruce, Byron C.,       | son of Cyrus and Sarah.     | 1838. May 6.     | 22   |
| Bruce, Sarah A.,       | dau. of Cyrus and Sarah.    | 1838. Oct. 7.    | 11   |
| Bruce, Mary M.,        | dau. of Eli and Sarah.      | 1842. Mar. 5.    | 5    |
| Buttrick, Daniel.      |                             | 1848. May 17.    | 100  |
| Buttrick, Warren W.,   | son of Edwin and Lucy.      | 1843. Jan. 5.    | 2    |
| Bush, Moses.           |                             | 1826. May 4.     | 34   |
| Butler, Joseph.        |                             | 1844. Mar. 28.   | 77   |
| Butler, Viola,         | dau. of Aaron and Fanny.    | 1853. Aug. 15.   | 1    |
| Butler, Jason,         | son of Jabez and Betsey.    | 1837. May 16.    | 5    |
| Carpenter, Charles W., | son of Charles and Elvira.  | 1850. May 9.     | 5    |
| Carpenter, Maria L.,   | dau. of Charles and Elvira. | 1853. May 4.     | 9    |
| Capron, James F.,      | son of James and Saphronia. | 1837. Apr. 23.   | 3    |
| Clark, Jonathan.       |                             | 1852. Oct. 13.   | 36   |

| Name.                   | Family Connection.            | Time of Decease. | Age. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------|
| Clark, Martha,          | dau. Jonathan and Hannah.     | 1849. Apr. 15.   | 0 m. |
| Clark, Hannah V.,       | dau. Jonathan and Hannah.     | 1843. June 19.   | 1    |
| Clark, Jonathan, Esq.   |                               | 1850. Aug. 20.   | 62   |
| Clark, Louisa.          |                               | 1832. Dec. 2.    | 25   |
| Clark, Lyman,           | son of Thomas and Rowena.     | 1834. Dec. 4.    | 17   |
| Coolidge, Abraham.      |                               | 1843. July 26.   | 79   |
| Coolidge, Sarah,        | wife of Abraham.              | 1836. Oct. 18.   | 71   |
| Coolidge, Asher.        |                               | 1834. Nov. 15.   | 43   |
| Coolidge, William,      | son of Asher.                 | 1826. May 11.    | 18m. |
| Coolidge, Clarissa,     | wife of Orlando.              | 1822. Mar. 18.   | 24   |
| Coolidge, Sarah,        | dau. of Orlando and Clarissa. | 1822. Mar. 28.   | 10m. |
| Coolidge, Ramazo,       | son of Barak and Nancy.       | 1825. May 2.     | 4 m. |
| Coolidge, Edwin,        | son of Barak and Nancy.       | 1832. Mar. 20.   | 1    |
| Coolidge, Sarah,        | wife of Elbridge.             | 1859. Feb. 7.    | 28   |
| Coolidge, Sarah P.,     | dau. of Charles and Sarah.    | 1845. Sept. 5,   | 2    |
| Crosby, Emily,          | dau. of Alpheus and Mary.     | 1823. Nov. 17.   | 17m. |
| Crosby, Louisa,         | dau. of Alpheus and Mary.     | 1825. Oct. 22.   | 1    |
| Cummings, Sarah.        |                               | 1824. Jan. 16.   | 58   |
| Cutting, Daniel, Esq.   |                               | 1855. Nov. 15.   | 80   |
| Cutting, Sarah,         | wife of Daniel.               | 1847. Apr. 30.   | 59   |
| Cutting, Albert,        | son of Daniel and Sarah.      | 1828. Oct. 30.   | 26   |
| Cutting, Sarah,         | dau. of Daniel and Sarah.     | 1815. Sept. 29.  | 1    |
| Davis, Harriet,         | dau. of Charles and Mary.     | 1826. Jan. 8.    | 4    |
| Dodge, Josiah.          |                               | 1855. Mar. 20.   | 55   |
| Fairbanks, Abigail,     | wife of George.               | 1848. Aug. 27.   | 27   |
| Fairbanks, Chas. Henry, | son of George and Abigail.    | 1848. Nov. 29.   | 1    |
| Fairbanks, Nancy,       | wife of George.               | 1858. July 29.   | 27   |
| Fairbanks, Silas.       |                               | 1858. Oct. 24.   | 39   |
| Farrar, Lucena,         | dau. of Daniel and Lucena.    | 1855. Dec. 12.   | 45   |
| Farrar, Naomi E.,       | dau. of George and Naomi.     | 1829. Mar. 3.    | 10   |
| Farrar, George E.,      | son of George and Naomi.      | 1829. Mar. 10.   | 1    |
| Farrar, Nancy,          | dau. of George and Naomi.     | 1825. Mar. 8.    | 8m.  |
| Farrar, Harriet N.      | dau. of George and Naomi.     | 1825. June 1.    | 2    |
| Farrar, Naomi,          | wife of George.               | 1842. Sept. 2.   | 46   |
| Farrar, George.         |                               | 1824. Nov. 1.    | 65   |
| Farrar, Bethia,         | wife of George.               | 1825. Mar. 26.   | 67   |
| Farrar, Capt. Daniel.   |                               | 1837. Nov. 18.   | 71   |
| Farrar, Lucy,           | wife of Daniel.               | 1838. Aug. 20.   | 75   |
| Farrar, Daniel,         | son of Maj. John.             | 1832. Sept. 5.   | 69   |

| Name.                  | Family Connection.          | Time of Decease. | Age. |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------|
| Farrar, Col. William.  |                             | 1837. May 4.     | 77   |
| Farrar, Irena.         |                             | 1835. May 15.    | 75   |
| Farrar, John.          |                             | 1841. June 19.   | 22   |
| Farrar, Charles.       |                             | 1839. Oct. 24.   | 22   |
| Farrar, Stephen B.,    | son of Stephen.             | 1825. Apr. 29.   | 3    |
| Farrar, Delila,        | wife of Stephen.            | 1838. July 31.   | 45   |
| Farrar, Stephen.       |                             | 1841. Mar. 2.    | 41   |
| Farrar, Sarah,         | dau. of Daniel W.           | 1838. Mar. 27.   | 13   |
| Farrar, Betsey G.,     | wife of Daniel W.           | 1858. Nov. 6.    | 64   |
| Farrar, Hannah Maria,  | dau. of David W.            | 1843. Oct. 10.   |      |
| Fassett, Joseph.       |                             | 1858. Sept. 17.  | 63   |
| Fassett, John P.,      | son of John W.              | 1853. Oct. 24.   | 8m.  |
| Fisher, Susannah,      | wife of Darius.             | 1835. Jan. 13.   | 63   |
| Fisher, Ira.           |                             | 1841. Sept. 24.  | 38   |
| Fisher, Sally,         | wife of Ira.                | 1838. May 7.     | 34   |
| Fisher, Rev. Darius.   |                             | 1834. Sept. 2.   | 63   |
| Fish, Benjamin.        |                             | 1853. Feb. 12.   | 21   |
| Fife, Mary J.,         | wife of Timothy.            | 1856. Feb. 10.   | 59   |
| Folly, Bartholomew,    | son of John and Mary.       | 1848. May 15.    | 6    |
| Forbs, Benjamin.       |                             | 1857. Aug. 3.    | 74   |
| Forristall, Joseph.    |                             | 1848. Apr. 12.   | 90   |
| Forristall, Hannah,    | wife of Joseph.             | 1849. May 2.     | 85   |
| Forristall, Belinda,   | dau. of Joseph and Hannah.  | 1808. Jan. 7.    | 6    |
| Forristall, Kesiah,    | dau. of Joseph and Hannah.  | 1844. May 11.    | 62   |
| Forristall, Alexander, | son of Joseph and Hannah.   | 1847. June 25.   | 42   |
| Forristall, Thomas J., | son of Joseph and Hannah.   | 1850. Feb. 4.    | 43   |
| Forristall, Sarah J.,  | dau. of Joseph M.           | 1854. Mar. 30.   | 12   |
| French, George,        | son of Jonathan and Betsey. | 1818. Aug. 24.   | 1    |
| Frost, Abby Ann,       | dau. of David and Abby.     | 1851. Dec. 15.   | 5    |
| Frost, Perley.         |                             | 1844. Oct. 10.   | 23   |
| Foskett, Corbett A.    |                             | 1831. July 9.    | 24   |
| Fuller, Capt. Isaac.   |                             | 1819. Feb. 26.   | 44   |
| Fuller, Patty.         |                             | 1836. Aug. 16.   | 57   |
| Fuller, Anna,          | wife of Amasa.              | 1826. June 19.   | 25   |
| Fuller, William,       | son Isaac and Temperance.   | 1825.            | 1    |
| Fuller, Isaac.         |                             | 1833. Dec. 14.   | 39   |
| Fuller, Hannah,        | wife of Amasa.              | 1845. Apr. 5.    | 41   |
| Garfield, Angeline,    | wife of George.             | 1851. Apr. 11.   | 24   |
| Garfield, Lucy,        | wife of Enoch.              | 1854. Dec. 29.   | 61   |

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| Name.                    | Family Connection.           | Time of Decease. | Age. |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------|
| Garfield, Amos,          | son of Enoch and Lucy.       | 1845. Feb. 19.   | 19   |
| Garfield, Sarah H.,      | dau. of Enoch and Lucy.      | 1828. Jan. 10.   |      |
| Gilmore, Leonard.        |                              | 1841. May 30.    | 25   |
| Goddard, Solomon.        |                              | 1854. Jan. 8.    | 59   |
| Goddard, Edwin,          | son of Solomon and Sarah.    | 1846. July 18.   | 21   |
| Godding, Ira.            |                              | 1849. Dec. 10.   | 48   |
| Godding, Eliza,          | wife of Ira.                 | 1849. Oct. 28.   |      |
| Godding, Loney,          | dau. of Timothy and Ruth.    | 1833. Feb. 24.   | 28   |
| Godding, Philinda,       | dau. of Timothy and Ruth.    | 1852. Sept. 11.  |      |
| Griffin, Hannah.         |                              | 1854. Apr. 3.    | 58   |
| Hager, Edward.           |                              | 1844. Apr. 3.    | 45   |
| Hager, Lucy E.,          | dau. of Edward and Mary.     | 1850. July 24.   | 16   |
| Hayward, Irena,          | wife of Thomas P.            | 1842. June 23.   | 32   |
| Harris, William F.,      | son of William and Sarah.    | 1852. Sept. 11.  |      |
| Harris, William.         |                              | 1852. Aug. 15.   | 29   |
| Harris, Patty,           | wife of William.             | 1852. Sept. 4.   | 59   |
| Hawkins, Sylvia,         | wife of Larned.              | 1827. Dec. 14.   | 22   |
| Harrington, Joshua, Esq. |                              | 1832. Sept. 20.  | 79   |
| Harrington, Elizabeth,   | wife of Joshua.              | 1823. Feb. 15.   | 66   |
| Harrington, Mary,        | dau. Joshua and Elizabeth.   | 1833. May 7.     | 42   |
| Harrington, Prudence,    | wife of Elijah.              | 1827. June 3.    | 27   |
| Harrington, Frances E.,  | dau. of Elijah.              | 1837. June 22.   | 5    |
| Harrington, Arbee Read,  | dau. of Elijah.              | 1833. Aug. 20.   | 3    |
| Harrington, Edward,      | son of A. B. and Betsey.     | 1856. Mar. 27.   | 23   |
| Harrington, Charles B.,  | son of A. B. and Betsey.     | 1859. Apr. 19.   | 22   |
| Haskell, Eliza Ann,      | dau. of Abner and Laura.     | 1845. Oct. 23.   | 2    |
| Haskell, Henry,          | son of Abner and Laura.      | 1843. June 21.   | 9    |
| Haskell, Mary Ann,       | dau. of Joseph and Ruth.     | 1822. Aug. 27.   | 2    |
| Haskell, Simon,          | son of Joseph and Ruth.      | 1829. Mar. 27.   | 6 m. |
| Haskell, Martha Ann,     | dau. of Henry and Martha.    | 1843. Aug. 17.   | 2    |
| Haskell, Henry George,   | son of Henry and Martha.     | 1840. Jan. 28.   | 1 m. |
| Hayden, Moses.           |                              | 1851. Oct. 4.    | 60   |
| Hodgkins, Hezekiah.      |                              | 1821. Oct. 4.    | 64   |
| Hodgkins, Lydia,         | wife of Hezekiah,            | 1843. Apr. 3.    | 83   |
| Hodgkins, Lydia,         | dau. Peletiah and Mehitable. | 1845. June 20.   | 27   |
| Hodgkins, Aaron.         |                              | 1856. Apr. 11.   | 59   |
| Hodgkins, Rhoda,         | wife of Aaron.               | 1851. Apr. 10.   | 52   |
| Hodgkins, Christopher,   | son of Aaron and Rhoda.      | 1826. Aug. 3.    | 3    |
| Holbrook, Diana,         | wife of Elkanah.             | 1857. Apr. 6.    | 69   |

| Name.                     | Family Connection.          | Time of Decease. | Age. |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------|
| Hutchins, George W.,      | son of William and Lydia.   | 1842. Feb. 18.   | 3    |
| Ingalls, Eliza,           | wife of Ransom.             | 1857. Aug. 15.   | 39   |
| Ingalls, George W.,       | son of Ransom and Eliza.    | 1858. Mar. 19.   | 9    |
| Jenkins, Helen Maria,     | wife of Rev. Abraham.       | 1851. May 22.    | 31   |
| Kendall, George.          |                             | 1854. Sept. 14.  | 29   |
| Kendall, Timothy.         |                             | 1855. Dec. 16.   | 42   |
| Kendall, Capt. Timothy.   |                             | 1851. Feb. 14.   | 68   |
| Kendall, Charles,         | son of Timothy and Anna.    | 1837. Feb. 9.    | 16   |
| Kendall, Caroline,        | dau. of Timothy and Anna.   | 1836. Aug. 24.   |      |
| Kendall, Lyman.           |                             | 1828. May 5.     | 22   |
| Kendall, Parkman.         |                             | 1850. Mar. 22.   | 21   |
| Knights, Frances Estella, | dau. of Winthrop and Lydia. | 1846. Sept. 20.  | 2    |
| Lawrence, Irena,          | wife of John.               | 1849. Feb. 28.   | 63   |
| Lawrence, Daniel.         |                             | 1832. July 13.   | 84   |
| Lawrence, Elizabeth,      | wife of Daniel.             | 1840. Oct. 29.   | 101  |
| Lawrence, William,        | son of William and Patty.   | 1817. Jan. 10.   | 1    |
| Lawrence, Joseph.         |                             | 1820. Dec. 5.    | 11   |
| Lawrence, Patty,          | wife of William.            | 1840. Jan. 5.    | 51   |
| Lawrence, Jonathan, Jr.   |                             | 1841. Oct. 14.   | 67   |
| Lawrence, Alfred.         |                             | 1848. Apr. 27.   | 49   |
| Lampson, Sarah,           | wife of Jonathan.           | 1827. July 26.   | 96   |
| Lyman, Chester.           |                             | 1828. Feb. 26.   | 43   |
| Lyman, Lucy,              | wife of Chester.            | 1849. Sept. 19.  | 51   |
| Lyman, Leonard,           | son of Chester and Lucy.    | 1835. Aug. 4.    | 4    |
| Lyman, Harriet,           | dau. of T. L.               | 1849. Sept. 27.  | 16   |
| Mann, Edwin,              | son of Elias.               | 1856. Apr. 29.   | 35   |
| Marshall, William.        |                             | 1835. May 17.    | 50   |
| Marshall, Anna,           | wife of William.            | 1857. Feb. 17.   | 75   |
| Marshall, William, Jr.    |                             | 1855. Apr. 11.   | 45   |
| Marshall, Daniel.         |                             | 1844. Sept. 19.  | 27   |
| Merrifield, Susannah B.,  | wife of Simeon B.           | 1853. Oct. 1.    | 21   |
| Merrifield, Francis,      | son of S. B. and Susannah.  | 1853. Apr. 16.   | 1    |
| Newell, Hepzibeth,        | wife of Jacob.              | 1801. Oct. 2.    | 73   |
| Newell, Nathan.           |                             | 1835. May 2.     | 52   |
| Newell, Rachel.           |                             | 1831. Oct. 1.    | 20m. |
| Newell, Veranus.          |                             | 1819. July 25.   |      |
| Newell, Reuben.           |                             | 1842. Jan. 5.    | 75   |
| Newman, Joseph S.         |                             | 1847. May 13.    | 74   |
| Nurse, Ebenezer.          |                             | 1824. Dec. 10.   | 62   |



| Name.                 | Family Connection.           | Time of Decease. | Age.  |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Nurse, Priscilla,     | wife of Ebenezer.            | 1844. Apr. 26.   | 78    |
| Nurse, Maria.         |                              | 1832. Feb. 10.   | 24    |
| Nurse, Mary J.,       | dau. of Joseph and Nancy.    | 1837. May 17.    | 1     |
| Nurse, Edward G.,     | son of Joseph and Nancy.     | 1834. Sept. 4.   | 1     |
| Nurse, Charles,       | son of Joseph and Nancy.     | 1834. Aug. 30.   | 8     |
| Osborn, Jacob.        |                              | 1845. Apr. 25.   | 79    |
| Osborn, Sibel.        |                              | 1845. May 12.    | 80    |
| Parker, Nathaniel.    |                              | 1857. Oct. 30.   | 51    |
| Parker, Eliza,        | wife of Nathaniel.           | 1848. June 28.   | 42    |
| Parker, Minerva,      | dau. of Nathaniel and Eliza. | 1856. June 4.    | 17    |
| Partridge, Edward.    |                              | 1851. Oct. 21.   | 65    |
| Partridge, Edith,     | wife of Edward.              | 1845. Dec. 14.   | 57    |
| Perry, Caleb.         |                              | 1833. Oct. 18.   | 26    |
| Piper, William J.,    | son of Rev. A. M.            | 1850. Jan. 6.    | 6 m.  |
| Putney, Susan M.,     | dau. of Joseph and Mary.     | 1851. Feb. 24.   | 4     |
| Rice, Lucy,           | wife of Cutler.              | 1832.            | 20    |
| Rice, Fanny,          | dau. of Cutler and Mary.     | 1829. May 18.    | 2 m.  |
| Rich, Rachel Crane,   | wife of Rev. Ezekiel.        | 1837. Mar. 20.   | 53    |
| Saunders, David.      |                              | 1833. June 19.   | 77    |
| Saunders, Polly,      | wife of David.               | 1822. June 25.   | 71    |
| Sibley, Amos,         | son of Amos.                 | 1849. Sept. 22.  | 18    |
| Sibley, Amos Whiton,  | son of Amos.                 | 1826. Jan. 8.    | 14 m. |
| Spaulding, Mahala,    | wife of Erastus.             | 1847. Nov. 18.   | 37    |
| Spaulding, Betsey E., | wife of Eri J.               | 1847. Aug. 8.    | 28    |
| Starkey, Luther,      | son of Peter and Mary.       | 1827. Nov. 8.    | 24    |
| Starkey, Betsey,      | wife of Enoch.               | 1821. June 18.   | 70    |
| Starkey, Luna,        | son of Luna and Hannah.      | 1833. Mar. 30.   | 20    |
| Starkey, Viana,       | dau. of Luna and Hannah.     | 1849. June 30.   | 19    |
| Starkey, Sarah D.,    | dau. of Daniel and Sarah.    | 1842. July 25.   | 16 m. |
| Starkey, L. Diana,    | dau. of Daniel and Sarah.    | 1845. Sept. 7.   | 17 m. |
| Starkey, Maria,       | dau. of Bailey and Betsey.   | 1847. Feb. 17.   | 14 m. |
| Starkey, Ann M.,      | dau. of Alanson and Mary.    | 1851. June 7.    | 4 m.  |
| Starkey, Caleb L.,    | son of Stephen and Polly.    | 1852. Feb. 18.   | 10 m. |
| Starkey, Stephen.     |                              | 1853. Mar. 27.   | 29    |
| Stanley, Benjamin B., | son of B. M. and Abigail.    | 1856. Nov. 5.    | 13    |
| Stearns, Sarah Ann,   | dau. of Amos.                | 1837. Aug. 8.    | 16    |
| Stearns, Jemime,      | wife of Jonathan.            | 1843. July 15.   | 90    |
| Stowell, Dea. Isaac.  |                              |                  |       |
| Stowell, Betsey,      | wife of Isaac.               | 1856. Jan.       | 63    |

| Name.                 | Family Connection.            | Time of Decease. | Age. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------|
| Stowell, Lovina,      | wife of Isaac.                | 1852. Apr. 27.   | 66   |
| Stowell, Harvey L.,   | son of Isaac.                 | 1845. July 25.   | 25   |
| Stevens, Eliza W.,    | wife of Rev. Alfred.          | 1844. Dec. 8.    | 26   |
| Stickney, Abiel.      |                               | 1855. Feb. 4.    | 85   |
| Tolman, Benjamin.     |                               | 1840. Mar. 9.    | 85   |
| Tolman, Hepzibeth,    | wife of Benjamin.             | 1842. July 20.   | 77   |
| Tolman, Edward.       |                               | 1852. Oct. 26.   | 41   |
| Tolman, Henry.        |                               | 1851. Mar. 6.    | 68   |
| Tolman, Sarah A.,     | dau. of Henry and Mary.       | 1844. Nov. 2.    | 19   |
| Tolman, James T.,     | son of Henry and Mary.        | 1821. June 28.   | 4    |
| Tenney, Melinda,      | wife of Moses.                | 1823. May 24.    | 30   |
| Wetherbee, Maria,     | dau. of Daniel and Lucy.      | 1837. Dec. 8.    | 24   |
| Wetherbee, Edmund H., | son of Calvin and Clarissa.   | 1847. Aug. 16.   | 7 m. |
| Ward, David,          | son of Nahum and Mary.        | 1845. Apr. 18.   | 6    |
| Whitcomb, Elzina,     | dau. of William and Clarissa. | 1839. Oct.       | 9    |
| Whitcomb, Charles,    | son of William and Clarissa.  | 1855. Nov. 17.   | 22   |
| Whitcomb, Luther,     | son of William and Clarissa.  | 1854. Oct. 24.   | 30   |
| Whitcomb, Lucy Ann,   | wife of Luther.               | 1851. Jan. 25.   | 21   |
| Whitcomb, Abigail.    |                               | 1827. Nov. 20.   | 30   |
| Wheeler, Mary,        | wife of Hezekiah.             | 1832. June 30.   | 88   |
| Wheeler, Louisa A.,   | wife of Ephraim.              | 1851. Nov. 14.   | 25   |
| Wheeler, Stephen, Jr. |                               | 1837. July 19.   | 28   |
| Wheeler, Aaron V.,    | son of Aaron.                 | 1830. Jan. 30.   | 3 m. |
| Wheeler, Nathan.      |                               | 1836. Mar. 17.   | 80   |
| Wheeler, Clarissa.    |                               | 1832. Mar. 22.   | 34   |
| Wheeler, Timothy.     |                               | 1846. Aug. 14.   | 60   |
| Wheeler, David B.,    | son Timothy and Ruhannah.     | 1839. Nov. 6.    | 22   |
| Wilbur, Catherine.    |                               | 1856. Dec. 26.   | 21   |
| Wilbur, Jonathan.     |                               | 1857. May 14.    | 51   |
| White, David.         |                               | 1844. Jan. 3.    | 81   |
| White, Esther,        | wife of David.                | 1839. Sept. 27.  | 75   |
| White, David,         | son of David and Esther.      | 1825. Nov. 12.   | 32   |
| Whittemore, Levi.     |                               | 1847. Feb. 8.    | 61   |
| Whittemore, Mary,     | wife of Levi.                 | 1858. Jan. 31.   | 66   |
| Whittemore, Salmon.   |                               | 1826. May 6.     | 47   |
| Whittemore, Sarah,    | son of Salmon and Lydia.      | 1832. Jan. 21.   | 23   |
| Whittemore, Mary W.,  | dau. of Salmon and Lydia.     | 1831. Oct. 14.   | 25   |
| Whittemore, Elijah,   | son of Salmon and Lydia.      | 1820. Mar. 6.    | 2    |
| Whittemore, Salmon,   | son of Salmon and Lydia.      | 1824. Nov. 26.   | 5 m. |

| Name.                 | Family Connection.           | Time of Decease. | Age. |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------|
| Whittemore, —         | son of Salmon and Lydia.     | 1816. Mar. 13.   |      |
| Whittemore, Lucy Ann, | wife of Levi.                | 1841. Aug. 10.   | 24   |
| Whitney, Edward G.,   | son of S. G. and A. N.       | 1857. Aug. 31.   | 1    |
| Whitney, Sarah A.,    | dau. of S. G. and A. N.      | 1858. Apr. 11.   | 15   |
| Wilder, David.        |                              | 1848. July 9.    | 40   |
| Wilder, Lucy,         | wife of David.               | 1842. July 24.   | 28   |
| Wilder, Stephen W.,   | son of David and Lucy.       | 1841. Aug. 21.   | 3m.  |
| Winch, Nathan,        |                              | 1851. Aug. 28.   | 70   |
| Winch, Polly,         | wife of Nathan.              | 1834. Jan. 1.    | 53   |
| Winch, Asenath,       | wife of Nathan.              | 1858. Feb. 11.   | 72   |
| Winch, Adeline C.,    | dau. Nathan J. and Abigail.  | 1842. Aug. 19.   | 6    |
| Winch, Franklin B.,   | son of Nath. J. and Abigail. | 1843. Sept. 17.  | 15   |
| Winch, George B.,     | son of Nath. J. and Abigail. | 1849. Sept. 25.  | 6    |
| Wise, Lydia,          | dau. of Asahel and Hannah.   | 1831. Aug. 21.   | 1    |
| Wright, Joel.         |                              | 1838. Dec. 29.   | 79   |
| Wright, Tabitha,      | wife of Joel.                | 1838. Aug. 13.   | 70   |
| Wright, Kesiah,       | wife of Joel.                | 1835. Sept. 9.   | 70   |
| Wright, Thomas,       | son of Almon and Sally.      | 1851. May 21.    | 23   |
| Wright, Sally,        | wife of Almon.               | 1841. May 15.    | 41   |

## CHAPTER X.

### EXTRACTS FROM TOWN RECORDS.

FIRST CHAIR AND TABLE FOR MEETING HOUSE.—AMOUNT PAID FOR WORKING ON HIGHWAY.—BY-LAWS AGAINST ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.—ACTION OF TOWN IN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.—FIRST MAP OF THE STATE.—TOLERATION LAW.—FIRST STOVE IN MEETING HOUSE.—STONE BRIDGE.—DISPENSING WITH SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLIC SURPLUS.—TEMPERANCE REFORM.—MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.—FIRST PRINTED SCHOOL REPORT.—FIRST PRINTED TOWN REPORT.—FINISHING ROOM UNDER TOWN HALL.—CHANGING THE NAME OF THE TOWN.—HISTORY OF THE TOWN HALL.

At a town meeting in 1815, it was voted that a chair and table should be furnished by the selectmen at the expense of the town for use in the meeting house, this action being made necessary from the town having to hold the town meetings in this house.

Three hundred dollars were voted to be raised in 1816 for the repair of highways and bridges, which should be paid in labor at the rate of eight cents per hour for a man or yoke of oxen.

A committee was chosen to report by-laws for preventing horses, mules, neat cattle and swine from running at large, and the following were adopted:

That the owners, or those having the care of any horse, horses or horse kind, or any mules, who shall allow them to run at large on any highway or public place within the town of Troy, from and after the first day of April next, to the last day of October next, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for each and every horse, or horse kind, or mule so found running at large, excepting colts under the age of six months.

That the owners or those having the care of any neat cattle who shall allow them to go at large as aforesaid, within the above specified

time, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty cents for each and every creature so found going at large as aforesaid. That the owner or person or persons having the care of any swine, who shall allow them to go at large, without being yoked and ringed according to the regulations of the laws of this State, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five cents for each and every swine so found going at large; and each of the above penalties to be recovered by action of debt before any justice of the peace, to and for the use of the person who shall sue for the same with cost of suit.

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| Signed by | SYLVESTER P. FLINT, | } Committee. |
|           | CALEB PERRY,        |              |
|           | WILLIAM BARNARD,    |              |

The Province of New Hampshire was divided into five counties in 1771, Cheshire being one and receiving its name from a county of the same name in England, and included the territory now in Sullivan county. Charlestown and Keene were made the shire towns. As the population increased and business interests became more diversified, this arrangement was not a satisfactory one, and the question of the division of the county was discussed and brought up for action for several years. In 1819, the town voted forty-four in favor and four against; the next year the decision was reversed, the vote being two for and sixty-eight against division. The question was finally settled, the northern half taking the name of Sullivan and being incorporated July 5, 1827, the vote of Troy at the annual meeting that year being thirty-three for and twenty-five against.

A large map of the State was published in 1815, by Phillip Carrigain, under the patronage of the Legislature. At that time no map of any state had been published comparable with it in simplicity of arrangement and taste of execution. The government furnished each town with a copy, and in 1817 the town voted that this map should be deposited with the clerk for keeping.



Before 1819, the law required that each citizen should pay his proportion toward the support of the settled minister of the town or parish in which he resided, unless he produced a certificate from some society of another denomination, stating that he attended their worship, and contributed to the support of their religious order. But in 1818, the town voted "that the selectmen tax the inhabitants of the Congregational Society only for Mr. Rich's salary," meaning that those inhabitants only who belonged to the society should be taxed for the minister's support. This action was probably taken on account of the opposition of some of the people to Mr. Rich, who did not wish to be taxed for his support. The following year, the Legislature passed an act, in the face of powerful opposition, known as the "Toleration Law," which provided that no person should be compelled to join or support any congregation, church or religious society, without his express consent; and that any person choosing to separate himself from any society, should, on leaving a written notice with the clerk, be exempted from any future expenses that might be incurred by the society. Whether from the operation of this law or from local causes, the town in 1821, voted "that one-half of all the minister's tax assessed last year, be abated."

At this time there was no means of heating the meeting house during the cold weather; what warmth there was being obtained from small foot stoves filled with coals, and no other means had been provided, or action taken for warming the meeting house until 1830, when it was "voted, that a stove might be placed in it, if individuals should see fit to put one in at their own expense."

In 1835, the town voted "that every society in town have the use of the meeting house belonging to the town, for religious meetings on Sabbath days, according to their

valuation in making taxes. That the division be made by the selectmen, and that no society have the right to shut the house against others unless to occupy it for religious purposes."

It was found necessary to rebuild the bridge near the Harrington mill this year, and at a special meeting on the 18th of June, Joseph M. Forristall, Daniel W. Farrar and Lyman Wright were chosen a committee to superintend the building of the same. This committee caused an arched stone bridge to be built; and at a meeting the following January, the town "voted to accept of the doing of the committee in building a stone bridge;" also voted to raise \$450 by special tax to defray town charges.

In 1833, it was voted "that the visiting of schools by the Superintending Committee be dispensed with this year," and in 1842, it was further voted "to adopt the law excusing Superintending School Committees from examining the primary schools."

In 1836, the United States government had a surplus of thirty-six millions of dollars lying in the treasury, which had accumulated from the sale of public lands, and the amount was increasing, as at that time the public debt had all been paid. Congress voted to distribute this among the different states, New Hampshire receiving over eight hundred thousand dollars, which the Legislature voted to divide among the towns according to population. The amount received by Troy cannot be given. The question of its disposition seems to have been an important one as it was brought before the annual meeting for two or three years. David W. Farrar and Daniel Cutting were the agents chosen to receive the money, which they were to loan to individuals in small sums, but finally the selectmen were authorized to appropriate the money for town purposes, under an act of the Legislature, passed in 1838.

The question of temperance reform received consideration by the citizens of the town in 1838, the following article appearing in the warrant for the annual meeting that year: "Is it expedient that a law be enacted by the General Court, prohibiting the sale of wine, or other spirituous liquors, except for chemical, medicinal, or mechanical purposes." The vote stood fifty-five in favor and twenty-one against.

For several years large numbers of men and women had been ardently engaged in the prosecution of this reform, and while great and gratifying success had been gained, it was considered incomplete, and the question of more stringent laws, prohibiting its sale, was being agitated, and an effort made to have the Legislature pass such an act. Four years later the question again received consideration upon the article, "Is it expedient that a law be enacted for the suppression of tippling shops," fifty voting for and thirty-six against.

In 1839, it was voted that the road tax should be paid in money, and in 1848, that the Superintending School Committee be allowed three dollars each for their services.

Up to 1840, the only approach to the sawmill which stood near where the blanket mill now stands, was by a narrow path on private ground; but in the fall of this year, the selectmen, on petition of Charles Carpenter and others, laid out a new highway from the meeting house to the mill.

Several town meetings were held during the year 1844, and the following items are taken from the votes passed:

Voted. That the taxes be collected by the first of March next, or the collector receive no pay for collecting.

Voted. To discontinue the old Turnpike road, running from near

Amos Stearns' house towards Elijah Bowker's, to the boundary line of the town.

Voted. That the bell be cast over and made into a new one.

Voted. That an agent be appointed to get the bell repaired, and that seventy-five dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

Voted. That Daniel W. Farrar be the said agent.

The Cheshire Railroad was being constructed through the town in the years 1846 and 1847, and consequently a large number of transient laborers were employed, and at the annual meeting the latter year, it was voted, "that the Irish laborers be excused from taxation the present year."

In 1846, the following regulations were established by the firewards:

By virtue of the authority in us vested by law, we the subscribers, a majority of the firewards in the town of Troy, in the County of Cheshire, do establish the following regulations respecting the kindling, guarding and safe keeping, and for the prevention and extinguishment of fires to be in force in said town.

1st. All persons are requested to furnish themselves with ladders and buckets according to the State law, as adopted by the said town.

2d. No person shall place and keep any dry ashes in any wooden vessel under the penalty of five dollars for each offence.

3d. No person shall keep a wooden door at any fireplace under the penalty of five dollars for each offence.

4th. No person shall carry any lighted pipe or cigar into any barn, stable, or shed, or into any building while finishing, or into any cabinet or house joiner or wheelwright's shop, nor shall any person carry any lighted candle or lamp into any barn, unless the same be inclosed in a lantern, under the penalty of three dollars for each offence.

5th. The foregoing regulations shall take effect and be in force on and after the 15th of May, A. D. 1846.

CHARLES COOLIDGE,  
OLIVER HAWKINS,  
JOSEPH JONES,  
THOMAS WRIGHT,  
SALMON WRIGHT,  
DAVID W. FARRAR,  
EDWIN BUTTRICK,

} Board  
of  
Firewards.

The Ward Hill was formerly one of the most difficult in the town, and was for a long time the subject of complaint. Many efforts had been made to avoid this, by constructing a road on different ground, but it was found impossible to lay out a road on any ground which should be satisfactory to all parties concerned. But in the fall of 1849, the selectmen, after a careful examination of the whole matter, laid out the present road on the petition of John Lawrence and others, which was completed and opened the following year. They also, in accordance with a vote of the town on the petition of Charles Carpenter and others, laid out a road extending from Mr. Carpenter's sawmill to the bridge near the foot of the Ward Hill.

Previous to the year 1852, and for several years afterwards, all reports of the town officers were written and placed on file with other papers, but this year it was voted that the selectmen should get the report of the Superintending School Committee printed, and that every family in town should be furnished with a copy.

It was also voted to allow engine men one dollar and fifty cents each for their services.

The amount of highway tax appropriated for winter use was very often insufficient to keep the roads suitably broken out, and individuals would have bills presented for breaking roads, to the payment of which objection was frequently made, and the question of paying an extra sum for this service in the winter was brought up for discussion; and at the annual meeting in 1857, it was voted to raise a highway tax of one hundred and fifty dollars in money, which should be appropriated as other highway taxes to the several surveyors, to be expended in the winter, the amount unexpended to be reported to the selectmen before the first of March.

It was voted to procure blinds and a lightning rod for



the town hall, in 1858. The next year Dr. A. M. Caverly was chosen an agent to get a lithograph of the town house put into the "History of Troy," which was soon to be published, and the sum of sixteen dollars was appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expense of the same.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS: Dr. A. M. Caverly, having procured at his own expense and arduous labor, a very complete History of the Town of Troy,

RESOLVED. That we as a town tender him a vote of thanks, and as a token of our esteem, we pay the expense of his lithograph which is to appear in said History.

This year it was voted to have three hundred copies of the selectmen's report printed.

Upon the question of the expediency of purchasing a county poor farm for the support of county paupers, the vote was two in the affirmative and sixty-four in the negative.

At this time a contagious disease appeared among the cattle in town, and the selectmen were authorized to take such steps to prevent its spread as they thought best.

In 1861, it was voted to have the room under the town hall finished, two hundred dollars being appropriated for that purpose. It was also "Resolved: That if individuals feel disposed to contribute a sufficient sum to finish the lower part of the town hall for a school room, they have the privilege, provided however, that the said contributions shall be put into the hands of a competent committee appointed by the town, and expended under their direction." John Grimes, Ira Boyden and David W. Far-rar were chosen for this committee.

E. P. Kimball, John Grimes and Edmund Bemis were selected to procure a new bell for the town house and to dispose of the old one.

Three hundred dollars was raised in 1862, to be put

with a sum already raised, for the purpose of purchasing a fire engine and hose.

At a special town meeting held June 18, 1864, E. P. Kimball, Stephen B. Farrar and David Wheeler were chosen a committee to finish a room in the lower part of the town hall, for an engine room, three hundred dollars being raised for the purpose.

At the election in November, 1864, upon the question:

"Is it expedient that a convention be called to revise the constitution."

1st. To enable the qualified voters of the State, engaged in the military or naval service of the country, in time of war, insurrection, or rebellion, to exercise the right of suffrage while absent from the State;

2d. To abolish all religious tests as qualifications for office;

3d. To diminish the number of members of the House of Representatives;

4th. To increase the number of members of the Senate;

5th. To make provisions for future amendments of the constitution; the vote stood thirty-four for and thirty-eight against.

An article was inserted in the warrant for the annual meeting, March, 1866, "To see if the town will vote to instruct their representative to the next Legislature to use his influence to have the name of Troy changed to that of Monadnock."

This was doubtless inserted on account of the trouble and inconvenience in postal, express and baggage matters, arising from a confusion and similarity in writing the names Troy, N. H., and Troy, N. Y. The vote was fifteen in favor and fifty-four against.

November, 1871, the town voted to discontinue that part of the highway running across the common, beginning near the Chapman house and running in a southerly direction to nearly opposite the "tin shop house," and to lay out a new one beginning near the same point and running easterly to a point nearly opposite the town hall, intersecting with the road there.

Barrett Ripley, C. W. Whitney and William Butler were chosen a committee to fence, grade and beautify the common, four hundred dollars being appropriated for the purpose.

Sometime previous to the year 1872, a brass band had been formed and had become involved in debt in procuring the necessary equipments, and the town voted to appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars to relieve them from debt. It was also voted to sell the State bonds at par, as occasion arose, to pay town debts.

In 1875, it was voted to redistrict the town for school purposes, and the following persons were chosen for that purpose: District No. 1, Barrett Ripley; District No. 2, Chas. W. Whitney; District No. 3, Edmund Bemis; District No. 4, William N. Watson; District No. 5, Daniel J. Fife; District No. 6, Alvah S. Clark.

In the warrant for the annual meeting for 1878 was an article to see if the town would vote to procure a soldier's monument, but no action was taken.

June 4, 1853, the proprietors of the old meeting house met agreeable to a call made by Daniel W. Farrar, Easman Alexander and Elijah Harrington, under an act passed by the Legislature in 1848, providing for the sale of meeting houses in certain cases. There were present:

Stephen Wheeler.

Elijah Harrington.

Easman Alexander.

David W. Farrar.

Daniel W. Farrar.

Abel Baker.

Luther Chapman.

Lyman Wright.

Peletiah Hodgkins.

Daniel Cutting.

Artemas Fairbanks.

It was voted to sell the house at auction, and Daniel W. Farrar, Lyman Wright and Artemas Fairbanks were chosen a committee to sell and convey the same, the selectmen of Jaffrey being appointed to make the division of the

proceeds among the proprietors. The house was purchased by the town.

An article was inserted in the warrant for the March meeting, 1855, to see if the town would vote any directions as to what should be done with the old meeting house, and choose an agent or committee, with power to purchase land for the removal of the house if thought expedient, or take any action in relation to the same. A committee of five were chosen, consisting of Joseph M. Forristall, Leonard Farrar, Lyman Wright, Abel Baker and Brown Nurse, to investigate and see what could be done and report at the next town meeting.

A special meeting was held April 25, for the purpose of hearing the report of the above committee, and to see if the town would remove the house to any lot that might be purchased; to choose an agent or committee to purchase land and take a deed of the same; to carry the removal of the house into effect and to submit a plan or plans to finish the same.

The committee made a report, but no further action was taken and the matter was brought up again at the annual meeting in 1856, when the question was referred to a committee consisting of Daniel W. Farrar, Brown Nurse and Ira Boyden, who were to report at a meeting to be held not later than the first of September, following, and at a meeting held on the second day thereof, they submitted the following:

We recommend that the town decide first to remove or not to remove said house.

We recommend that the town cause a hall to be finished in the upper part of said house, 40 by 45 feet, with a stairway about 8 feet wide in the center of the front part, about four feet from the front door, and occupying about eleven feet in the ascent. To lower down the windows about three feet and put a gothic head upon the windows; the pulpit windows to be closed up. The hall to be laid with a new floor and in

every respect to be well and thoroughly finished, and to be furnished with fifty settees. To finish a room upon each side of said stairs of about fifteen by seventeen feet, and to put up two stacks of chimneys in the partition between the hall and these rooms. All of which your committee think may be done for the old material and five hundred dollars.

That the roof be repaired by patching, which we think may be done to last eight or ten years.

That the house be well painted outside with two coats of good paint, which we estimate to cost from \$100 to \$125.

That the pews be taken out and the pew floors placed upon a level with aisle floors, and we estimate the old pew material will pay the expense.

That the town choose an agent or committee to carry the above report into effect, with such instructions as the town shall give him or them.

This report was adopted, and it was voted to move the house, by turning it one quarter round, into the north-east corner of the common, within from eight to twelve feet to the north and east line of said common.

All the sections of the report were adopted, and a committee was chosen by ballot to carry these measures into effect, consisting of David W. Farrar, Edward P. Kimball and Ira Boyden.

In addition, this committee was instructed to have a good cellar under the house, provided it would not cost more than one hundred dollars extra.

The work having been completed, it was accepted by the town at the annual meeting in 1858, and it was voted to procure blinds for the whole house and to have a new lightning rod. Edwin Buttrick, Brown Nurse, David W. Farrar, Edward P. Kimball and A. M. Caverly were chosen to prepare suitable by-laws for the regulation of the hall, which were in due time reported and adopted.

The hall having become too small for the needs of the town, especially on occasions of public gatherings or entertainments requiring the use of a stage, the question



of an enlargement was agitated for several years, but no definite action was taken until the March meeting, 1893, when two thousand dollars was voted to be raised for that purpose, and Charles W. Whitney, William J. Boyden and Warren W. Kimball were chosen a building committee.



TOWN HALL.

An addition about twenty-five feet in length was built on to the north end of the hall, the land being given by James L. Stanley. The upper part was finished as a large and commodious stage, with suitable dressing rooms and closets, with an entrance from the lower floor. The lower part was finished for the use of the fire department, with the addition of a hose tower. The old side seats in the hall were removed, and the interior decorated and furnished with inside blinds, increasing the capacity of the hall very materially.

## CHAPTER XI.

### TOWN OFFICERS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

LIST OF CONSTABLES.—TOWN OFFICERS.—APPROPRIATIONS.—VOTES FOR GOVERNOR.—SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SCHOOL BOARDS.—COPY OF EARLY CHECK LIST.

In former times the office of town constable was one of considerable importance, and from one to three were usually chosen at each annual meeting. Their jurisdiction did not extend beyond the town, but their duties were similar and of greater scope and the position more important perhaps, than that of the deputy sheriff of the present day, for they represented the majesty of the law, and were charged with the execution of warrants and the service of summonses. It was usually the custom to appoint the tax collector one of the constables, as in the discharge of his duties it was necessary that he should have authority to enforce the law.

The following list gives the names of those chosen as constables from the incorporation of the town until 1860:

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1816. John Lawrence.  | 1822. Calvin Starkey. |
| 1817. Calvin Starkey. | David White.          |
| David White.          | 1823. Calvin Starkey. |
| 1818. Calvin Starkey. | 1824. Luke Harris.    |
| David White.          | 1825. Luke Harris.    |
| 1819. John Lawrence.  | 1826. John Lawrence.  |
| David White.          | David White.          |
| 1820. Edmund Bemis.   | 1827. John Lawrence.  |
| David White.          | 1828. Calvin Starkey. |
| 1821. Calvin Starkey. | 1829. Lemuel Brown.   |
| David White.          | 1830. Lemuel Brown.   |

|       |                        |       |                       |
|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 1831. | Thomas Wright.         | 1846. | Isaac Aldrich, Jr.    |
| 1832. | Thomas Wright.         | 1847. | Isaac Aldrich, Jr.    |
| 1833. | William Marshall.      |       | Edward P. Kimball.    |
|       | Calvin Starkey.        | 1848. | James L. Bolster.     |
| 1834. | Calvin Starkey.        | 1849. | James L. Bolster.     |
| 1835. | Calvin Starkey.        | 1850. | James R. Stanley.     |
|       | John Lawrence.         |       | James L. Bolster.     |
| 1836. | Abel Baker.            | 1851. | James R. Stanley.     |
|       | Calvin Starkey.        | 1852. | Austin B. Gates.      |
| 1837. | Calvin Starkey.        |       | Stephen B. Farrar.    |
|       | Benjamin F. Grosvenor. | 1853. | Austin B. Gates.      |
| 1838. | Charles Coolidge.      |       | Stephen B. Farrar.    |
|       | Ashael S. Wise.        | 1854. | Stephen B. Farrar.    |
| 1840. | Ezekiel White.         |       | Elliott Goddard.      |
|       | Luke Harris.           | 1855. | James R. Stanley.     |
| 1841. | Ezekiel White.         |       | Leonard Wright.       |
|       | John Whittemore, Jr.   | 1856. | Stephen B. Farrar.    |
| 1842. | Ezekiel White.         | 1857. | Edward P. Kimball.    |
|       | John Whittemore, Jr.   |       | Abel W. Baker.        |
| 1843. | Nathan Winch.          | 1858. | Charles B. Wright.    |
|       | Brown Nurse.           | 1859. | Stephen B. Farrar.    |
| 1844. | Thomas Wright.         |       | Alonzo B. Harrington. |
|       | Charles Coolidge.      |       | Lyman Wright.         |
| 1845. | Thomas Wright.         | 1860. | Isaac Aldrich, Jr.    |
| 1846. | Thomas Wright.         |       | Albert G. Hurlbutt.   |
|       | Edward P. Kimball.     |       |                       |

## TOWN OFFICERS.

|       | Moderators.         | Town Clerks.        | Representatives.    |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1816. | Sylvester P. Flint. | Daniel W. Farrar.   | Daniel W. Farrar.   |
| 1817. | Caleb Perry.        | Daniel W. Farrar.   | Daniel W. Farrar.   |
| 1818. | Sylvester P. Flint. | Daniel W. Farrar.   | Sylvester P. Flint. |
| 1819. | Timothy Kendall.    | Daniel W. Farrar.   | Daniel W. Farrar.   |
| 1820. | Timothy Kendall.    | Daniel W. Farrar.   | Daniel Cutting.     |
| 1821. | Timothy Kendall.    | Charles W. Whitney. | Daniel Cutting.     |
| 1822. | Lyman Wright.       | Daniel W. Farrar.   | Daniel Cutting.     |
| 1823. | Lyman Wright.       | Daniel W. Farrar.   | Daniel W. Farrar.   |
| 1824. | Lyman Wright.       | Daniel W. Farrar.   | Daniel Cutting.     |
| 1825. | Lyman Wright.       | Daniel W. Farrar.   | Daniel W. Farrar.   |
| 1826. | Lyman Wright.       | Daniel W. Farrar.   | Ezekiel Rich.       |

| Moderators.              | Town Clerks.      | Representatives.      |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1827. Lyman Wright.      | Daniel W. Farrar. | Daniel Cutting.       |
| 1828. Lyman Wright.      | Daniel W. Farrar. | Daniel Cutting.       |
| 1829. Lyman Wright.      | Daniel W. Farrar. | Daniel W. Farrar.     |
| 1830. Lyman Wright.      | Daniel W. Farrar. | Daniel W. Farrar.     |
| 1831. Lyman Wright.      | Daniel W. Farrar. | Daniel W. Farrar.     |
| 1832. Lyman Wright.      | Daniel W. Farrar. | Lyman Wright.         |
| 1833. Lyman Wright.      | Daniel W. Farrar. | Lyman Wright.         |
| 1834. Lyman Wright.      | Daniel W. Farrar. | Chester Lyman.        |
| 1835. Lyman Wright.      | Daniel W. Farrar. | Chester Lyman.        |
| 1836. Timothy Kendall.   | Daniel W. Farrar. | Daniel Cutting.       |
| 1837. Lyman Wright.      | Brown Nurse.      | Daniel Cutting.       |
| 1838. Lyman Wright.      | David W. Farrar.  | Jonathan Clark.       |
| 1839. Lyman Wright.      | David W. Farrar.  | Jonathan Clark.       |
| 1840. Lyman Wright.      | Brown Nurse.      | Abel Baker.           |
| 1841. Lyman Wright.      | David W. Farrar.  | Abel Baker.           |
| 1842. Lyman Wright.      | David W. Farrar.  | Abel Baker.           |
| 1843. Lyman Wright.      | David W. Farrar.  | John W. Bellows.      |
| 1844. Lyman Wright.      | David W. Farrar.  | John W. Bellows.      |
| 1845. Lyman Wright.      | Brown Nurse.      | Jeremiah Pomeroy.     |
| 1846. Lyman Wright.      | Brown Nurse.      | Thomas Wright.        |
| 1847. Lyman Wright.      | Brown Nurse.      | Thomas Wright.        |
| 1848. Lyman Wright.      | Brown Nurse.      | John W. Bellows.      |
| 1849. Abel Baker.        | Luke Miller.      | John W. Bellows.      |
| 1850. Abel Baker.        | Luke Miller.      | Brown Nurse.          |
| 1851. Edward P. Kimball. | Luke Miller.      | Brown Nurse.          |
| 1852. Lyman Wright.      | Luke Miller.      | Jotham H. Holt.       |
| 1853. Lyman Wright.      | Luke Miller.      | Jotham H. Holt.       |
| 1854. Lyman Wright.      | William Marshall. | Aldin Egleston.       |
| 1855. Lyman Wright.      | William Marshall. | Lyman Wright.         |
| 1856. Abel Baker.        | Leonard Wright.   | Lyman Wright.         |
| 1857. Abel Baker.        | Abial M. Caverly. | Joseph M. Forristall. |
| 1858. Abel Baker.        | Abial M. Caverly. | Joseph M. Forristall. |
| 1859. Abel Baker.        | Abial M. Caverly. | Edwin Buttrick.       |
| 1860. Leonard Farrar.    | George A. Adams.  | Edwin Buttrick.       |
| 1861. Edwin Buttrick.    | George A. Adams.  | Abial M. Caverly.     |
| 1862. Leonard Farrar.    | John Grimes.      | Abial M. Caverly.     |
| 1863. Leonard Farrar.    | George A. Adams.  | David W. Farrar.      |
| 1864. Edwin Buttrick.    | Henry W. Farrar.  | David W. Farrar.      |
| 1865. Edwin Buttrick.    | Henry W. Farrar.  | Edmund Bemis.         |

|       | Moderators.         | Town Clerks.         | Representatives.    |
|-------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1866. | Edwin Buttrick.     | Henry W. Farrar.     | Edmund Bemis.       |
| 1867. | Edwin Buttrick.     | Asa C. Dort.         | Elisha H. Tolman.   |
| 1868. | Edwin Buttrick.     | Asa C. Dort.         | Elisha H. Tolman.   |
| 1869. | Edwin Buttrick.     | Asa C. Dort.         | Augustus Hodgkins.  |
| 1870. | Edwin Buttrick.     | Charles E. Kimball.  | Augustus Hodgkins.  |
| 1871. | Edwin Buttrick.     | Charles D. Farrar.   | Charles W. Whitney. |
| 1872. | Edwin Buttrick.     | Charles D. Farrar.   | Charles W. Whitney. |
| 1873. | Edwin Buttrick.     | Augustus Hodgkins.   | George W. Brown.    |
| 1874. | Edwin Buttrick.     | Augustus Hodgkins.   | George W. Brown.    |
| 1875. | Edwin Buttrick.     | Augustus Hodgkins.   | William N. Watson.  |
| 1876. | Charles W. Whitney. | Henry M. Whittemore. | William N. Watson.  |
| 1877. | Charles W. Whitney. | Henry M. Whittemore. | William G. Silsby.  |
| 1878. | Charles W. Whitney. | Henry M. Whittemore. | William G. Silsby.  |

The first election under the biennial method of choosing state officers was held in November, when the representative and supervisors of the check list were chosen, town officers only being chosen at the annual March meeting.

|       | Moderators.       | Town Clerks.        |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1879. | Henry W. Farrar.  | Moses E. Wright.    |
| 1880. | Henry W. Farrar.  | Moses E. Wright.    |
| 1881. | Henry W. Farrar.  | Charles A. Hubbard. |
| 1882. | Henry W. Farrar.  | Franklin Ripley.    |
| 1883. | Edwin Buttrick.   | Franklin Ripley.    |
| 1884. | Edwin Buttrick.   | Franklin Ripley.    |
| 1885. | Charles W. Brown. | Franklin Ripley.    |
| 1886. | Charles W. Brown. | Franklin Ripley.    |
| 1887. | Charles W. Brown. | Franklin Ripley.    |
| 1888. | Charles W. Brown. | Melvin T. Stone.    |
| 1889. | Charles W. Brown. | Melvin T. Stone.    |
| 1890. | Charles W. Brown. | Melvin T. Stone.    |
| 1891. | Charles W. Brown. | Melvin T. Stone.    |
| 1892. | Charles W. Brown. | Melvin T. Stone.    |
| 1893. | Franklin Ripley.  | Melvin T. Stone.    |
| 1894. | Franklin Ripley.  | Melvin T. Stone.    |
| 1895. | Franklin Ripley.  | Melvin T. Stone.    |
| 1896. | Franklin Ripley.  | Melvin T. Stone.    |



Commencing with the biennial election in November, 1878, the following officers were chosen:

|       | Moderators.       | Representatives.      | Supervisors.   |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1878. | Henry W. Farrar.  | Asa C. Dort.          | Edwin Buttrick.<br>Charles W. Whitney.<br>Charles W. Brown.    |
| 1880. | Henry W. Farrar.  | Asa C. Dort.          | Charles W. Brown.<br>William G. Silsby.<br>William N. Watson.  |
| 1882. | Henry W. Farrar.  | Charles W. Brown.     | William G. Silsby.<br>William N. Watson.<br>Warren W. Kimball. |
| 1884. | Edwin Buttrick.   | Edwin Buttrick.       | Edwin Buttrick.<br>William N. Watson.<br>Frank S. Harris.      |
| 1886. | Charles W. Brown. | Melvin T. Stone.      | Edwin Buttrick.<br>Henry M. Whittemore.<br>Frank S. Harris.    |
| 1888. | Charles W. Brown. | Henry M. Whittemore.  | Edwin Buttrick.<br>Henry M. Whittemore.<br>Frank S. Harris.    |
| 1890. | Charles W. Brown. | John H. Congdon.      | Edwin Buttrick.<br>Henry M. Whittemore.<br>Frank S. Harris.    |
| 1892. | Charles W. Brown. | Edwin B. Dort.        | Edwin B. Dort.<br>James L. Stanley.<br>Henry M. Whittemore.    |
| 1894. | Franklin Ripley.  | Daniel F. R. Herrick. | Henry M. Whittemore.<br>Edwin B. Dort.<br>Frank L. Brown.      |
| 1896. | Franklin Ripley.  | Alvah S. Clark.       | Harvey E. Gates.<br>Melvin T. Stone.<br>James L. Stanley.      |

## SELECTMEN.

- 1816. Sylvester P. Flint, Daniel Cutting, William Barnard.
- 1817. Daniel Cutting, Caleb Perry, Salmon Whittemore.
- 1818. Sylvester P. Flint, Daniel W. Farrar, George Farrar.
- 1819. Daniel Cutting, Salmon Whittemore, Timothy Kendall.

1820. Daniel W. Farrar, Salmon Whittemore, Timothy Kendall.
1821. Daniel Cutting, Timothy Godding, Amos Sibley.
1822. Daniel Cutting, Timothy Godding, Amos Sibley.
1823. Daniel Cutting, George Farrar, Timothy Kendall.
1824. Daniel W. Farrar, Amos Sibley, Caleb Perry.
1825. Daniel Cutting, Amos Sibley, Calvin Starkey.
1826. Amos Sibley, Salmon Whittemore, Calvin Starkey.
1827. Daniel Cutting, Calvin Starkey, Lyman Wright.
1828. Daniel W. Farrar, Lyman Wright, Timothy Kendall.
1829. Daniel Cutting, Calvin Starkey, Luke Harris.
1830. Daniel Cutting, Luke Harris, Abel Baker.
1831. Abel Baker, Calvin Starkey, John Lawrence.
1832. Daniel Cutting, Abel Baker, Daniel Buttrick.
1833. Daniel Cutting, Daniel Buttrick, Jonathan Clark.
1834. Daniel Buttrick, Daniel W. Farrar, Calvin Starkey.
1835. Daniel Cutting, Jonathan Clark, Daniel W. Farrar.
1836. Daniel Cutting, Jonathan Clark, Daniel W. Farrar.
1837. Jonathan Clark, Abel Baker, John Colburn.
1838. Abel Baker, Thomas Wright, John W. Bellows.
1839. Abel Baker, Thomas Wright, John W. Bellows.
1840. John W. Bellows, Joseph M. Forristall, Charles Coolidge.
1841. Abel Baker, Charles Coolidge, Solomon Goddard.
1842. John W. Bellows, Charles Coolidge, Joseph M. Forristall.
1843. Abel Baker, Leonard Farrar, Edwin Buttrick.
1844. Abel Baker, Leonard Farrar, Edwin Buttrick.
1845. Abel Baker, Lyman Wright, Jonathan Clark.
1846. Abel Baker, Lyman Wright, Jonathan Clark.
1847. John W. Bellows, Moses S. Perkins, Nathan Winch, Thomas Wright, Jonas Bemis.
1848. Abel Baker, Leonard Farrar, George W. Brown.
1849. Abel Baker, Thomas Wright, Jonas Bemis.
1850. Abel Baker, Thomas Wright, Jonas Bemis.
1851. Abel Baker, Thomas Wright, Jonas Bemis.
1852. John W. Bellows, James R. Stanley, Augustus Hodgkins.
1853. John W. Bellows, Jotham H. Holt, James R. Stanley.
1854. Jotham H. Holt, Augustus Hodgkins, Lyman Harrington.
1855. Augustus Hodgkins, Lyman Harrington, James R. Stanley.
1856. Jotham H. Holt, Ira Boyden, Henry A. Porter.
1857. Jotham H. Holt, Henry A. Porter, Isaac Aldrich, Jr.

1858. Jotham H. Holt, Henry A. Porter, Isaac Aldrich, Jr.
1859. Abel Baker, Edmund Bemis, John C. Alexander.
1860. Edmund Bemis, Stephen B. Farrar, Elliott Whitcomb.
1861. Stephen B. Farrar, Elliott Whitcomb, John C. Alexander.
1862. John C. Alexander, Edmund Bemis, Augustus Hodgkins.
1863. Edmund Bemis, Augustus Hodgkins, William G. Silsby.
1864. Edmund Bemis, Augustus Hodgkins, William L. Bemis.
1865. Edmund Bemis, Augustus Hodgkins, John U. Beers.
1866. Augustus Hodgkins, John U. Beers, Jotham H. Holt.
1867. Stephen B. Farrar, Edmund Bemis, Charles W. Brown.
1868. Edmund Bemis, Charles W. Brown, Hamilton Parker.
1869. Edmund Bemis, Charles W. Brown, Stephen B. Farrar.
1870. Stephen B. Farrar, Robert M. Silsby, Charles A. Farrar.
1871. Edwin Buttrick, William N. Watson, Edmund Bemis.
1872. Edwin Buttrick, William N. Watson, Edmund Bemis.
1873. William N. Watson, Edmund Bemis, Alvah S. Clark.
1874. William N. Watson, Alvah S. Clark, George W. Randall.
1875. Alvah S. Clark, Edmund Bemis, William N. Watson.
1876. Edmund Bemis, William N. Watson, James R. Stanley.
1877. William N. Watson, James R. Stanley, Augustus Hodgkins.
1878. William N. Watson, Charles C. Smith, William A. Harris.
1879. Edmund Bemis, James R. Stanley, Henry W. Farrar.
1880. James R. Stanley, Henry W. Farrar, Edmund Bemis.
1881. Henry W. Farrar, Edmund Bemis, William A. Harris.
1882. Edmund Bemis, James C. Parker, Alfred G. Lawrence.
1883. Edmund Bemis, James C. Parker, Alfred G. Lawrence.
1884. Edmund Bemis, James C. Parker, Alfred G. Lawrence.
1885. James C. Parker, Alfred G. Lawrence, John H. Congdon.
1886. Edmund Bemis, John H. Congdon, Edward F. Adams.
1887. John H. Congdon, Edward F. Adams, George N. Parmenter.
1888. Edward F. Adams, George N. Parmenter, Edmund Bemis.
1889. Edward F. Adams, George N. Parmenter, John H. Congdon.
1890. John H. Congdon, Edmund Bemis, Frank L. Brown.
1891. Edmund Bemis, Edward F. Adams, Elmer E. Haskell.
1892. Edmund Bemis, George A. Starkey, Elmer E. Haskell.
1893. George A. Starkey, Elmer E. Haskell, George N. Parmenter.
1894. Elmer E. Haskell, George N. Parmenter, William J. Boyden.
1895. Elmer E. Haskell, George A. Starkey, Henry M. Whittemore.
1896. John H. Congdon, Ora C. Mason, Herbert P. Thompson.
1897. Alvah S. Clark, Herbert P. Thompson, Ora C. Mason.

## TREASURERS.

The following persons have served as treasurers:

|          |                   |          |                    |
|----------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 1816-17. | George Farrar.    | 1852-54. | Charles Coolidge.  |
| 1818-23. | William Farrar.   | 1855-58. | Isaac Aldrich.     |
| 1824-27. | Lyman Wright.     | 1859-62. | John Grimes.       |
| 1828.    | Solomon Goddard.  | 1863.    | George A. Adams.   |
| 1829.    | Abel Baker.       | 1864-66. | John U. Beers.     |
| 1830-38. | Timothy Kendall.  | 1867-68. | Barrett Ripley.    |
| 1839-41. | Daniel W. Farrar. | 1869.    | Abel Baker.        |
| 1842-44. | Brown Nurse.      | 1870.    | Edward P. Kimball. |
| 1845.    | David W. Farrar.  | 1871-73. | Barrett Ripley.    |
| 1846-49. | Charles Coolidge. | 1874-97. | Asa C. Dort.       |
| 1850-51. | Almon Wright.     |          |                    |

## SEXTONS.

Since 1816, the following persons have served as sextons:

|          |                     |          |                    |
|----------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 1816.    | Luke Harris.        | 1831.    | Thomas Wright.     |
| 1818.    | Preston Bishop.     | 1832-33. | Oliver Hawkins.    |
| 1819-20. | Jonathan B. French. | 1834-65. | Thomas Wright.     |
| 1822.    | Moses Bush.         | 1866-70. | Stephen B. Farrar. |
| 1823.    | Elijah Fuller.      | 1871-74. | William A. Harris. |
| 1824.    | Moses Bush.         | 1875.    | Joseph F. Capron.  |
| 1825.    | Lyman Wright.       | 1876.    | Charles Haskell.   |
| 1826.    | David W. Farrar.    | 1877-78. | Alanson Starkey.   |
| 1827.    | Charles Davis.      | 1879-80. | William A. Harris. |
| 1828.    | Oliver Hawkins.     | 1881.    | Alanson Starkey.   |
| 1829.    | Elijah Harrington.  | 1882.    | William A. Harris. |
| 1830.    | Oliver Hawkins.     | 1883-97. | James L. Stanley.  |

The following table gives an idea of the amount expended on account of the regular expenses of the town from the time of its incorporation. The number of resident taxpayers in 1816 was one hundred and twenty-two. The appropriations for highways in the early years was the amount raised for repairs alone, and was usually paid in labor. Special appropriations were nearly always made for the building of new highways. Other appropriations for special purposes will be mentioned in the account of

the purposes for which they were made. The amount stated to be raised for the support of schools for the past few years does not give the amount expended, for it has been voted to appropriate enough from the savings banks tax, in addition to the literary fund and dog tax, to make the amount from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars. During the years when no amount is recorded as being raised it is supposed it was only that required by law.

The amount allowed per hour for labor upon the highways was probably the same as that of the other towns in the county; in 1827 it was eight cents for a man or yoke of oxen; in 1836, ten cents; later it was fifteen cents. For several years previous to the passage of the highway law now in force, the town had raised their highway tax in money, which was expended under the direction of one or more agents chosen by the town.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

|       | High-ways. | Schools. | Town Charges. |       | High-ways. | Schools. | Town Charges. |
|-------|------------|----------|---------------|-------|------------|----------|---------------|
| 1816. | \$300      | \$250    | \$600         | 1834. | \$400      | \$275    | \$300         |
| 1817. | 300        | 200      | 550           | 1835. | 400        | 300      | 250           |
| 1818. | 300        | 300      | 600           | 1836. | 400        | 300      | 75            |
| 1819. | 300        | 240      | 300           | 1837. | 350        | 250      | 350           |
| 1820. | 300        | 250      | 200           | 1838. | 400        | 250      | 600           |
| 1821. | 300        | 250      | 150           | 1839. | 400        |          | 1,200         |
| 1822. | 300        | 250      | 180           | 1840. | 600        | 300      | 1,200         |
| 1823. | 400        | 250      | 150           | 1841. | 400        | 300      | 800           |
| 1824. | 400        | 250      | 200           | 1842. | 600        | 300      | 1,000         |
| 1825. | 400        | 300      | 400           | 1843. | 400        | 300      | 350           |
| 1826. | 600        | 250      | 150           | 1844. | 400        | 400      | 400           |
| 1827. | 450        | 250      | 400           | 1845. | 600        | 400      | 1,000         |
| 1828. | 400        | 250      | 400           | 1846. | 600        | 400      | 1,000         |
| 1829. | 400        | 300      | 200           | 1847. | 600        | 400      | 1,000         |
| 1830. | 300        | 250      | 150           | 1848. | 500        | 400      | 1,000         |
| 1831. | 600        | 300      | 80            | 1849. | 500        | 400      | 1,000         |
| 1832. | 400        | 275      | 300           | 1850. | 500        | 400      | 1,000         |
| 1833. | 400        | 275      | 300           | 1851. | 500        | 400      | 1,000         |



|       | High-ways. | Schools. | Town Charges. |       | High-ways. | Schools. | Town Charges. |
|-------|------------|----------|---------------|-------|------------|----------|---------------|
| 1852. | \$500      | \$400    | \$1,000       | 1874. | \$1,500    | \$800    | \$2,000       |
| 1853. | 500        | 400      | 1,000         | 1875. | 1,000      | 800      | 2,000         |
| 1854. | 500        | 400      | 800           | 1876. | 800        | 900      | 1,500         |
| 1855. | 500        |          | 800           | 1877. | 600        | 900      | 1,000         |
| 1856. | 500        |          | 1,000         | 1878. | 700        | 900      | 1,500         |
| 1857. | 500        |          | 1,000         | 1879. | 600        | 839      | 1,500         |
| 1858. | 500        |          | 2,000         | 1880. | 700        |          | 1,500         |
| 1859. | 500        |          | 500           | 1881. | 800        | 1,075    | 1,500         |
| 1860. | 500        |          | 1,500         | 1882. | 800        | 1,075    | 1,500         |
| 1861. | 500        |          | 1,800         | 1883. | 800        | 1,075    | 1,500         |
| 1862. | 500        |          | 1,000         | 1884. | 700        | 1,075    | 1,200         |
| 1863. | 500        |          | 1,000         | 1885. | 900        | 800      | 1             |
| 1864. | 800        |          | 2,150         | 1886. | 900        | 800      | 1             |
| 1865. | 800        | 500      | 3,000         | 1887. | 800        | 800      | 400           |
| 1866. | 700        | 800      | 1,500         | 1888. | 1,000      | 800      | 800           |
| 1867. | 700        | 800      | 1,500         | 1889. | 1,000      | 800      | 800           |
| 1868. | 500        | 800      | 1,500         | 1890. | 1,000      | 1,000    | 800           |
| 1869. | 500        | 800      | 1,500         | 1891. | 1,200      | 1,150    | 800           |
| 1870. | 500        | 800      | 1,500         | 1892. | 1,000      | 1,150    | 800           |
| 1871. | 800        | 1,000    | 1,500         | 1893. | 1,200      | 900      | 500           |
| 1872. | 1,000      | 1,000    | 1,500         | 1894. | 1,250      |          | 200           |
| 1873. | 1,000      | 800      | 1,500         |       |            |          |               |

## VOTES FOR GOVERNOR.

In the following list of votes for governor, the name of the person elected is placed first each year. In the early history of the state it is quite probable that party distinctions did not exist. After a time the terms federalist and republican designated party divisions, and from the time of the incorporation of Troy until 1824, the leading candidates voted for are classed by their after-party affiliation. About 1824 the federal party ceased to exist, and the contending political interests rallied about individual men. Jackson and Adams were contestants for the presidential chair, and although not differing materially in principle, these interests espoused the cause of either one or the other

and were recognized as Jackson men or Adams men, and the contests became intensely bitter at times. Andrew Jackson and Henry Clay were the rival candidates in the presidential campaign of 1832, and those supporting Jackson were called democrats, and those supporting Clay were termed whigs. The abolitionist or free soil party began to develop about 1841, and in the presidential election of 1856, the whig, free soil and American or Know-Nothing party organizations were abandoned, and a new party formed from them, in opposition to the democratic party which took the name of republican.

|                            |    |                           |     |
|----------------------------|----|---------------------------|-----|
| 1816. William Plummer, r,  | 41 | 1831. Samuel Dinsmoor, j, | 30  |
| James Sheafe, f,           | 77 | Ichabod Bartlett, a,      | 84  |
| 1817. William Plummer, r,  | 44 | 1832. Samuel Dinsmoor, j, | 28  |
| Jeremiah Mason, f,         | 66 | Ichabod Bartlett, a,      | 74  |
| 1818. William Plummer, r,  | 44 | 1833. Samuel Dinsmoor, j, | 54  |
| Jeremiah Mason, f,         | 64 | Arthur Livermore, a,      | 47  |
| 1819. Samuel Bell, r,      | 38 | 1834. William Badger, d,  | 10  |
| William Hale, f,           | 52 | Andrew Jackson,           | 1   |
| 1820. Samuel Bell, r,      | 92 | 1835. William Badger, d,  | 28  |
| 1821. Samuel Bell, r,      | 89 | Joseph Healy, r,          | 85  |
| 1822. Samuel Bell, r,      | 69 | 1836. Isaac Hill, d,      | 29  |
| 1823. Levi Woodbury, r,    | 33 | George Sullivan,          | 78  |
| Samuel Dinsmoor, r,        | 19 | 1837. Isaac Hill, d,      | 39  |
| 1824. David L. Morrill, a, | 19 | Luther Chapman,           | 2   |
| Jeremiah Smith,            | 59 | Blank,                    | 2   |
| Levi Woodbury, j,          | 2  | 1838. Isaac Hill, d,      | 32  |
| 1825. David L. Morrill, a, | 87 | James Wilson, Jr., w,     | 118 |
| 1826. David L. Morrill, a, | 78 | 1839. John Page, d,       | 43  |
| Benjamin Pierce, j,        | 5  | James Wilson, Jr., w.,    | 113 |
| 1827. Benjamin Pierce, j,  | 58 | 1840. John Page, d,       | 44  |
| David L. Morrill, a,       | 21 | Enos Stevens, w,          | 95  |
| 1828. John Bell, a,        | 80 | 1841. John Page, d,       | 45  |
| Benjamin Pierce, j,        | 12 | Enos Stevens, w,          | 96  |
| 1829. Benjamin Pierce, j,  | 16 | 1842. Henry Hubbard, d,   | 39  |
| John Bell, a,              | 85 | Enos Stevens, w,          | 89  |
| 1830. Matthew Harvey, j,   | 14 | John H. White, i d,       | 4   |
| Timothy Upham, a,          | 95 | 1843. Henry Hubbard, d,   | 35  |

|       |                          |     |       |                        |     |
|-------|--------------------------|-----|-------|------------------------|-----|
| 1843. | Anthony Colby, w,        | 76  | 1855. | James Bell, w,         | 11  |
|       | John H. White, i d,      | 9   | 1856. | Ralph Metcalf, a,      | 90  |
|       | Daniel Hoit, f s,        | 3   |       | John S. Wells, d,      | 49  |
|       | Scattering,              | 1   |       | Ichabod Goodwin, w,    | 14  |
| 1844. | John H. Steele, d,       | 40  | 1857. | William Haile, r,      | 97  |
|       | Anthony Colby, w,        | 86  |       | John S. Wells, d,      | 55  |
|       | Henry Hubbard,           | 4   |       | Charles B. Haddock,    | 5   |
|       | John H. White,           | 2   | 1858. | William Haile, r,      | 92  |
|       | David Hoit,              | 4   |       | Asa P. Cate, d,        | 50  |
| 1845. | John H. Steele, d,       | 41  |       | Isaac Riddle,          | 4   |
|       | Anthony Colby, w,        | 83  | 1859. | Ichabod Goodwin, r,    | 102 |
|       | Daniel Hoit, f s,        | 8   |       | Asa P. Cate, d,        | 58  |
| 1846. | Jared W. Williams, d,    | 36  | 1860. | Ichabod Goodwin, r,    | 94  |
|       | Anthony Colby, w,        | 94  |       | Asa P. Cate, d,        | 67  |
|       | Nathaniel S. Berry, f s, | 9   | 1861. | Nathaniel S. Berry, r, | 97  |
| 1847. | Jared W. Williams, d,    | 45  |       | George Stark, d,       | 60  |
|       | Anthony Colby, w,        | 95  | 1862. | Nathaniel S. Berry, r, | 89  |
|       | Nathaniel S. Berry, f s, | 19  |       | George Stark, d,       | 54  |
| 1848. | Jared W. Williams, d,    | 55  | 1863. | Joseph A. Gilmore, r,  | 91  |
|       | Nathaniel S. Berry, f s, | 107 |       | Ira A. Eastman, d,     | 63  |
| 1849. | Samuel Dinsmoor, d,      | 57  |       | Walter Harriman, i d,  | 3   |
|       | Levi Chamberlain, w,     | 79  | 1864. | Joseph A. Gilmore, r,  | 90  |
|       | Nathaniel S. Berry, f s, | 17  |       | Edw. W. Harrington, d, | 70  |
| 1850. | Samuel Dinsmoor, d,      | 69  | 1865. | Frederick Smyth, r,    | 85  |
|       | Levi Chamberlain, w,     | 68  |       | Edw. W. Harrington, d, | 54  |
|       | Nathaniel S. Berry, f s, | 20  | 1866. | Frederick Smyth, r,    | 85  |
| 1851. | Samuel Dinsmoor, d,      | 63  |       | John G. Sinclair, d,   | 63  |
|       | Thomas E. Sawyer, w,     | 82  | 1867. | Walter Harriman, r,    | 90  |
|       | John Atwood, f s,        | 21  |       | John G. Sinclair, d,   | 68  |
| 1852. | Noah Martin, d,          | 58  | 1868. | Walter Harriman, r,    | 94  |
|       | Thomas E. Sawyer, w,     | 77  |       | John G. Sinclair, d,   | 79  |
|       | John Atwood, f s,        | 23  | 1869. | Onslow Stearns, r,     | 85  |
| 1853. | Noah Martin, d,          | 51  |       | John Bedel, d,         | 63  |
|       | James Bell, w,           | 62  | 1870. | Onslow Stearns, r,     | 96  |
|       | John H. White, f s,      | 20  |       | John Bedel, d,         | 70  |
| 1854. | Nathaniel B. Baker, d,   | 51  |       | Samuel Flint,          | 1   |
|       | James Bell, w,           | 65  | 1871. | James A. Weston, d,    | 67  |
|       | Jared Perkins, f s,      | 29  |       | James Pike, r,         | 104 |
| 1855. | Ralph Metcalf, a,        | 102 |       | Lemuel P. Cooper,      | 1   |
|       | Nathaniel B. Baker, d,   | 43  | 1872. | Ezekiel Straw, r,      | 110 |

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1872. James A. Weston, d, 68    | 1882. Josiah M. Fletcher, t, 2  |
| 1873. Ezekiel Straw, r, 95      | 1884. Moody Currier, r, 120     |
| James A. Weston, d, 61          | John M. Hill, d, 63             |
| 1874. James A. Weston, d, 59    | George Carpenter, g, 1          |
| L. McCutchings, r, 120          | Larkin D. Mason, t, 1           |
| 1875. Person C. Cheney, r, 125  | 1886. Charles H. Sawyer, r, 105 |
| Hiram R. Roberts, d, 59         | Thomas Cogswell, d, 53          |
| 1876. Person C. Cheney, r, 130  | 1888. David H. Goodell, r, 132  |
| Daniel Marcy, d, 53             | Charles H. Amsden, d, 68        |
| 1877. Benj. F. Prescott, r, 119 | 1890. Hiram A. Tuttle, r, 119   |
| Daniel Marcy, d, 50             | Charles H. Amsden, d, 69        |
| 1878. Benj. F. Prescott, r, 124 | 1892. John B. Smith, r, 130     |
| Frank A. McKean, d, 63          | Luther F. McKinney, d, 68       |
| 1879. Natt Head, r, 121         | William O. Noyes, 4             |
| Frank A. McKean, d, 65          | Edgar L. Carr, 1                |
| 1880. Charles H. Bell, r, 128   | 1894. Charles A. Busiel, r, 135 |
| Frank Jones, d, 57              | George D. Epps, 1               |
| 1882. Samuel W. Hale, r, 93     | Henry O. Kent, d, 47            |
| M. V. B. Edgerly, d, 67         | Daniel C. Knowles, 3            |

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following list gives the names of those persons chosen by the town or appointed by the selectmen, to inspect the schools, so far as there is any record:

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 1816.    | Ezekiel Rich, Roswell Crossfield, Curtis Coolidge.                         |
| 1817.    | Ezekiel Rich, William Farrar, Caleb Perry.                                 |
| 1818.    | Ezekiel Rich, Caleb Perry, Daniel W. Farrar.                               |
| 1819.    | Charles W. Whitney, David Holbrook, Caleb Perry.                           |
| 1823.    | Seth E. Winslow, Daniel W. Farrar, Lyman Wright.                           |
| 1825.    | Otis C. Whiton, Ezekiel Rich.  |
| 1826.    | Otis C. Whiton, Ezekiel Rich, Caleb Perry.                                 |
| 1827.    | Otis C. Whiton, Ezekiel Rich, Caleb Perry, Charles W. Whitney, Abel Baker. |
| 1854-55. | Luther Townsend, Leonard Farrar, Abial M. Caverly.                         |
| 1857-59. | Luther Townsend.   |
| 1860-62. | Abial M. Caverly, Leonard Farrar, John Grimes.                             |
| 1863.    | Leonard Farrar, John Grimes, Thomas E. Roberts.                            |
| 1864.    | Leonard Farrar.  |
| 1865-67. | Leonard Farrar, Daniel Goodhue, Jonathan S. Herrick.                       |

- 1868-69. Jonathan S. Herrick.  
 1870. Jonathan S. Herrick, Leonard Farrar, Levi Brigham.  
 1871. Levi Brigham, Moses E. Wright.  
 1873-74. Leonard Farrar, Jonathan S. Herrick.  
 1875. Jonathan S. Herrick.  
 1876-78. George H. Aldrich, Asa C. Dort.  
 1879. David W. Goodale, Daniel R. Herrick.  
 1880-81. David W. Goodale.  
 1882-85. Melvin T. Stone.

The town system of schools was established by the Legislature of 1885, placing the entire supervision of schools in the school board, consisting of three persons. The following have comprised the school boards since the system was adopted:

- |                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1886. Melvin T. Stone.  | 1891. Charles W. Brown.  |
| Asa C. Dort.            | Melvin T. Stone.         |
| George N. Parmenter.    | Franklin Ripley.         |
| 1887. Asa C. Dort.      | 1892. Melvin T. Stone.   |
| George N. Parmenter.    | Franklin Ripley.         |
| Josiah Merrill.         | John H. Congdon.         |
| 1888. Charles W. Brown. | 1893. Franklin Ripley.   |
| Josiah Merrill.         | John H. Congdon.         |
| Franklin Ripley.        | Aurilla M. Harris.       |
| 1889. Josiah Merrill.   | 1894. John H. Congdon.   |
| Franklin Ripley.        | Aurilla M. Harris.       |
| Charles W. Brown.       | Daniel R. Herrick.       |
| 1890. Franklin Ripley.  | 1895. Aurilla M. Harris. |
| Charles W. Brown.       | Daniel R. Herrick.       |
| Melvin T. Stone.        | Franklin Ripley.         |

The following is a copy of the earliest check list that is in existence:

A LIST OF VOTERS' NAMES FOR THE YEAR 1818, IN THE  
TOWN OF TROY.

|                   |                 |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Alexander, Joseph | Amadon, Josiah  | Bolster, Artemas |
| Alexander, Easman | Arnold, Nathan  | Barnard, Wm.     |
| Alexander, Ezra   |                 | Brewer, Asa      |
| Alexander, Elijah | Buckston, David | Bruce, John      |



|                       |                            |                     |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Bishop, Wm.           | Farrar, Stephen            | Newell, Reuben      |
| Bishop, Preston       | Fuller, Isaac              | Newell, Nathan      |
| Buxton, Elijah        | Fuller, Elijah             | Norton, Asa         |
| Ball, Daniel          | Farrar, George, Jr.        | Nurse, Ebenezer     |
| Ball, Daniel, Jr.     | Fuller, Isaac, 2d          | Nurse, Luther       |
| Buttor, Joseph        | Fitts, Robert              |                     |
| Buttor, Joseph, Jr.   | Forristall, Joseph M., Jr. | Osborn, Jacob       |
| Bemis, Edmund         |                            |                     |
| Buttor, Simon         | Garfield, Isaac            | Perry, Caleb        |
| Bush, Moses           | Gerry, Benjamin            | Perkins, Moses      |
|                       | Gray, Joseph               | Perkins, John       |
| Corbin, Joseph        | Gove, Nathaniel            | Perkins, Moses, Jr. |
| Coolidge, Abraham     | Godding, Timothy           |                     |
| Coolidge, Orlando     | Griffin, Wm.               | Rich, Ezekiel, Rev. |
| Cutting, Daniel       |                            | Roswood, Lyman      |
| Cutting, Joseph       | Harrington, Joshua, Esq.   |                     |
| Cutting, Moses        | Harrington, Joshua, Jr.    | Spears, Joseph      |
| Clark, Thomas, Jr.    | Harrington, Elijah         | Starkey, Samuel     |
| Clark, Thomas         | Holt, Aaron                | Starkey, George     |
| Chase, Wm.            | Harris, Luke               | Starkey, Levi       |
| Cree, Moses           | Hodgkins, Hezekiah         | Starkey, Peter      |
| Coolidge, Asher       | Hodgkins, Peletiah         | Starkey, Peter, Jr. |
| Corbin, Nathaniel     | How, Zalmon                | Starkey, Nathan     |
|                       | Harris, Stephen            | Starkey, Calvin     |
| Daggett, Levi         |                            | Starkey, Benjamin   |
| Davis, Charles        | Jackson, Henry             | Starkey, Enoch      |
|                       | Jackson, Henry, Jr.        | Sherman, Andrew     |
| Farrar, Daniel W      | Jackson, Silas             | Sibley, Amos        |
| Farrar, Wm.           |                            | Stearns, William    |
| Farrar, Wm., 2d       | Knights, Talmon            | Saunders, David     |
| Farrar, Daniel        | Kendall, Timothy           | Saunders, Levi      |
| Farrar, Daniel, Jr.   |                            | Starkey, John       |
| Farrar, Samuel        | Lawrence, Daniel           | Starkey, Luna       |
| Forristall, Joseph    | Lawrence, John             | Sergents, John      |
| Fairbanks, Cyrus, Jr. | Lawrence, Jonathan         |                     |
| Flint, Sylvester P    | Lawrence, Josiah           | Tolman, Benjamin    |
| Fife, Silas           | Lawrence, Wm.              | Tolman, David       |
| Fife, Timothy         | Lawrence, Daniel, Jr.      | Tinney, Abel        |
| Farrar, George        |                            | Tolman, Thomas      |

Tolman, Henry

Winch, Caleb

Winch, Caleb, Jr.

Winch, Nathan

Whitney, John, Jr.

Whitney, John

Whitney, Charles W

White, David

Ward, Levi

Willard, Aaron

Whitcomb, Zophar

Wheeler, Silas

Wright, Lyman

Whittemore, Salmon

Wheeler, Josiah

Wheeler, Jonathan

## CHAPTER XII.

### THE REBELLION.

SLAVERY.—MISSOURI COMPROMISE.—DRED SCOTT DECISION.—BOMBARDMENT OF FORT SUMTER.—CALL FOR TROOPS.—FIRST ENLISTMENT.—AID FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.—EXPENSES INCURRED.—BOUNTIES OFFERED.—BOUNTIES PAID.—VOTES OF THE TOWN.—SUMMARY OF EXPENSES INCURRED.—MEN WHO SERVED IN THE REBELLION AND THEIR RECORD.—LIST OF THOSE LIVING IN TROY BUT CREDITED TO OTHER TOWNS.—PRESENT RESIDENTS WHO SERVED IN OTHER TOWNS OR STATES.

The causes which led to the great American conflict are undoubtedly more or less familiar to all; but it may be well to briefly mention some of the most important factors. The constitution of a free government is such that there ever will be opposing political parties. That it should be so, perhaps, is better for the human race, for in the free discussion of the principles underlying republican government lies the liberty of the nation. The history of the world proves that there has always been an antagonism between freedom and slavery. In America, the conflict was started in its incipient stages at the formation of the government. As it existed in this country, slavery was not a general system, such as might be applied equally to all persons in like conditions, but might be called a personal system, it being a relation between people of different color—the white man and those of African descent.

The spirit of our laws, brought about by the liberty of independence, was that all mankind should be equal and should stand together in civil society under laws affecting all alike who were in like conditions, yet for a long time

the negro race was excepted from the benefits of such a system and held as slaves, no satisfactory reason being given for the exception, only as a profitable investment of money in a cheap instrument of labor. It was not the fact of a difference in race and color, for other races differing in these respects were not excluded from the benefits of such a system of laws. It was not their undeveloped condition, for other races equally undeveloped were admitted to the privileges of our laws. It was not because they had thrust themselves into our society unfitted for association with us, and thereby to be isolated, because they had been brought here against their will and a price paid for so doing.

As an object of traffic and a cheap instrument of labor, the slave was considered not only a convenience but a necessity, by the people of the South, and the slave power, prompted by their economic ideas, and the people of the North, controlled by the force of humane ideas, were arrayed against each other in a prolonged dual contest; on the one hand for the extension of slavery in the territories, in order to secure popular interest and favor, and on the other to eliminate it from the system of the country.

When Missouri was admitted as one of the States of the Union in 1821, there was a long-continued struggle between the parties seeking the admission as a slave State and those who sought to exclude from her limits that institution, which ended in Congress passing a measure, which has become famous as the "Missouri compromise," by which slavery was forever inhibited north of the line of 36° 30'.

This measure was recognized by the North as a solemn compact never to be broken. But the great mass of the Southern people always regarded its terms with disfavor,

and seemed ready to set it aside if possible when the first opportunity should present itself.

Such an occasion seemed to present itself upon the organization of Kansas and Nebraska as territories in 1854. For thirty years the "Missouri compromise" had deferred the inevitable conflict between the opposing parties, but at this time the measure was disregarded, Stephen A. Douglass making the proposition that the subject of establishing or excluding slavery be left to the decision of the people of these territories. The struggle to colonize Kansas was a desperate conflict which assumed the character of a partisan warfare, when the most inhuman means were resorted to for the purpose of giving slavery a permanent foothold there, and those bloody scenes had not been forgotten by the liberty-loving people of the country when the Territory of Nebraska adopted a constitution and asked to be admitted to the Union. The North was now thoroughly aroused and made determined opposition to the repeal in any measure or degree of the compromise in question, and the measure was defeated and Nebraska came into the Union a free State.

Thus matters stood until 1856-57, at the beginning of Buchanan's administration, when the Dred Scott decision was given out, in which the Supreme Court attacked the validity of the "Missouri compromise," saying that one of the constitutional functions of Congress was the protection of property; that slaves had been recognized as property by the Constitution; and that Congress was bound to protect, not to prohibit, slavery in the territories.

The mass of the Northern people held that slaves were looked on by the Constitution, not as property, but as persons held to service or labor, by State laws; that the constitutional function of Congress was the protection of liberty as well as property; and that Congress was thus



bound to prohibit, not to protect slavery in the territories. Thus the North dissented from the decision of the Supreme Court, and the storm of anger it aroused added one more step on the road to disunion.

The underground fires were burning briskly when the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency in 1860, and his inauguration, March 4th, 1861, caused them to burst forth, and was the culminating point in the controversy.

This event was interpreted by the slaveholding States as meaning a change in the balance of power that would secure to the free States a controlling influence in the public affairs of the nation.

A little more than a month after the inauguration of President Lincoln, on April 12th, 1861, the signal of war was given by that act which sent consternation to the hearts of all loyal people, the bombardment of Fort Sumter, a United States fortress in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina. Three days after, the President of the United States issued a proclamation, calling for seventy-five thousand soldiers to enlist for the space of three months, it being the opinion of those in authority and loyal to the government, that this time would be sufficient for putting an end to the Rebellion. The citizens of Troy were not behind their fellow-citizens in manifesting their patriotism when the hostile cannon boomed upon Fort Sumter, but gave their support to the government.

Under this call New Hampshire was requested to furnish one regiment of infantry for three months, and Troy furnished one person: "First Regiment N. H. Volunteers. Three months. Charles H. Streeter, enlisted May 3, 1861; mustered out Aug. 9, 1861. Co. G."

A town meeting was held May 8, 1861. The town voted to guarantee to those who enlisted that their wages

should be made up to them so that the amount should equal twenty dollars per month, and that ten dollars should be paid at the time of enlisting, which sum should be taken from their wages.

It was also voted that a committee be chosen and authorized to look after the families of those who should enlist and see that they were provided for. This committee consisted of David W. Farrar, Edwin Buttrick and Gregory Lawrence, and the selectmen were authorized to borrow a sum of money, not to exceed five hundred dollars, for the purpose of carrying the votes into effect.

At the session of the Legislature in June, an act was passed authorizing cities and towns to aid the families of volunteers and for other purposes. At a town meeting held Oct. 21, 1861, the selectmen were instructed to use any money not otherwise appropriated, for this purpose, or to borrow money if necessary to carry out the provisions of the act.

In the selectmen's report to the town at the annual meeting, March 11, 1862, the following account was given of expenses incurred on account of the war:

#### BOUNTY PAID TO SOLDIERS.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Charles H. Streeter, | \$37 00 |         |
| J. F. Capron,        | 10 00   |         |
| Frederick P. Cutler, | 10 00   |         |
| Houghton Lawrence,   | 10 00   |         |
| Silas Stickney,      | 10 00   |         |
| Oren S. Adams,       | 10 00   |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$87 00 |

#### AID TO THE FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS.

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Henry T. Smith's family,  | \$36 00 |
| Silas Stickney's family,  | 19 00   |
| Warren L. Brown's family, | 36 00   |
| John Amadon's family,     | 20 57   |

|                          |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Robert Wheeler's family, | \$36 00 |          |
| George Derby's family,   | 24 00   |          |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$171 57 |

July 30, 1862, the following communication was made to the Adjutant General at Concord:

The number of male citizens in the town of Troy, of the age of eighteen years and under forty-five years, liable to do military duty, is eighty-two. The number who are or have been in the service of the United States, is twenty-eight.

Two have enlisted who have not yet been mustered into the United States service, and are not included in the above return.

JOHN GRIMES, Town Clerk.

The following named persons are those who have enlisted in the United States service, from the town of Troy, since April 1, 1861.

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Joseph F. Capron.    | Houghton Lawrence.  |
| Oren S. Adams.       | Albert G. Roby.     |
| Robert Wheeler.      | James Kaven.        |
| Samuel Thompson.     | Lorenzo B. Tolman.  |
| Silas S. Stickney.   | William H. Tenney.  |
| Robert Cosgrove.     | Center H. Lawrence. |
| Frank Pierce.        | Frederic Cutler.    |
| Henry Amadon.        | Patrick McCaffrey.  |
| James Amadon.        | Edward Harvey.      |
| Frederick Lang.      | George Derby.       |
| Charles H. Streeter. | Henry T. Smith.     |
| John Amadon.         | Frederic Lawrence.  |
| Nelson Haskell.      | Daniel Fiske.       |
| Ezekiel Haskell.     | Lemuel W. Brown.    |

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| JOHN C. ALEXANDER, | } Selectmen |
| EDMUND BEMIS,      |             |
| AUGUSTUS HODGKINS, |             |
|                    | of          |
|                    | Troy.       |

At a town meeting held Aug. 27, 1862, it was voted that each recruit or volunteer for the war who was accepted and mustered into the United States service, for the term, unless sooner discharged, be paid the sum of one hundred dollars, and that if the town was called upon to furnish men to fill up the old regiments, the sum of fifty

dollars be paid in addition, making a total of one hundred and fifty dollars.

It was also voted to pay to those enlisting for three months, a bounty of one hundred dollars, and that their wages be made up to twenty dollars per month for the time they serve; and the selectmen were authorized to borrow a sum of money sufficient to meet these calls, not to exceed three thousand dollars.

The bounty was limited to the number required to fill the quota of the town, and was not to be paid until the men were mustered into service, and no man was to receive a bounty that received a commission before leaving the state. Accordingly the following volunteers for three years received the bounty:

|                       |          |            |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| William Barnes,       | \$100 00 |            |
| Charles H. Barrett,   | 100 00   |            |
| Sidney E. Tolman,     | 100 00   |            |
| Edward F. Fuller,     | 100 00   |            |
| Simeon Merrifield,    | 100 00   |            |
| Frank Shattuck,       | 100 00   |            |
| Frank Burress,        | 100 00   |            |
| Frank Laraby,         | 100 00   |            |
| Daniel Harris,        | 100 00   |            |
| Daniel L. Barnard,    | 100 00   |            |
| Charles Lang,         | 100 00   |            |
| Curtis A. Whittemore, | 100 00   |            |
|                       | <hr/>    | \$1,200 00 |

#### BOUNTIES PAID TO NINE MONTHS MEN.

|                   |          |          |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Lorenzo Dexter,   | \$100 00 |          |
| John Lang,        | 100 00   |          |
| Patrick Shehan,   | 100 00   |          |
| Joseph H. Hill,   | 100 00   |          |
| Francis S. Piper, | 100 00   |          |
|                   | <hr/>    | \$500 00 |

During the year ending March 1, 1863, the families of volunteers reported as receiving pecuniary assistance, were:

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Robert Wheeler's family,     | \$146 15         |
| George W. Derby's family,    | 96 28            |
| Lemuel W. Brown's family,    | 146 15           |
| Silas Stickney's family,     | 98 15            |
| Henry Smith's family,        | 28 28            |
| James Kavanaugh's family,    | 107 26           |
| Frederick Lawrence's family, | 72 00            |
| Daniel L. Barnard's family,  | 6 00             |
| Frank Shattuck's family,     | 12 00            |
| Frank Burress' family,       | 36 00            |
| Patrick Shehan's family,     | 48 00            |
| Simeon Merrifield's family,  | 60 00            |
| Charles H. Barrett's family, | 40 00            |
| Lorenzo Dexter's family,     | 51 00            |
| John Lang's family,          | 48 00            |
| John Amadon's family,        | 20 00            |
|                              | <hr/> \$1,015 27 |

The return made to the Adjutant General, April 27, 1863, gives the number of men who were or had been in the United States service, as forty-eight. Of this number, one had entered the service in another state, three had died and nine had been discharged.

A draft was made in September, 1863; sixty-eight names were in the box and the following twenty drawn out:

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| George Brown.       | Edward S. Foster.   |
| Joel O. Blanding.   | Franklin Whitcomb.  |
| William J. Boyden.  | Hervey J. Brown.    |
| Levi Merrifield.    | Charles W. Whitney. |
| Frederick Lang.     | Daniel B. Silsby.   |
| Ira G. Starkey.     | Jonas Foster.       |
| Robert F. Boyce.    | William Butler.     |
| Daniel P. Thompson. | Hezekiah Hodgkins.  |
| Francis L. Clark.   | Joseph Tupper.      |
| George I. Ripley.   | Edward W. Sutton.   |

Either because the quota of the town was already filled, or for other reasons, these men were not required to serve, and we have a record of only one sending a substitute.



Sept. 21, 1863.—“Voted, That the town pay the drafted men, who are or may hereafter be drafted for three years, or their substitutes, on or after being mustered into the United States service ten days, three hundred dollars.”

The selectmen were instructed to borrow a sum for the purpose of carrying the foregoing vote into effect, not to exceed four thousand dollars, and were given authority to raise an additional sum, if necessary, not to exceed five thousand dollars.

Another meeting was held Dec. 5, 1863, when it was voted that the selectmen pay the citizens of the town who shall enlist for three years (until the quota is filled), three hundred dollars, on being accepted and mustered into service. It was also voted that the town assume the responsibility of paying the United States and State bounties to those citizens who should enlist, on being mustered into service, and the selectmen were instructed to borrow ten thousand dollars for the purpose.

It was also voted that the selectmen hire recruits out of town, if it could be done satisfactorily, to help make up the quota of the town.

The selectmen's report for the year ending March 1, 1864, shows that the following volunteers for three years were paid bounties:

|                   |          |            |
|-------------------|----------|------------|
| Jesse Hiscock,    | \$700 00 |            |
| Lyman Spooner,    | 700 00   |            |
| John Mahoney,     | 570 00   |            |
| Peter Morel,      | 570 00   |            |
| John Johnson,     | 570 00   |            |
| John Douglass,    | 570 00   |            |
| Charles Anderson, | 570 00   |            |
| John Collin,      | 570 00   |            |
| John Daniels,     | 570 00   |            |
| Evan Crook,       | 570 00   |            |
| George W. Clark,  | 100 00   |            |
|                   | <hr/>    | \$6,060 00 |

The following nine months volunteers were paid bounties in accordance with the vote passed in 1862, to make their wages equal twenty dollars per month for the time they served:

|                   |         |          |
|-------------------|---------|----------|
| Joseph H. Hill,   | \$63 00 |          |
| Francis S. Piper, | 63 00   |          |
| Patrick Shehan,   | 70 00   |          |
| John Lang,        | 70 00   |          |
| Lorenzo Dexter,   | 70 00   |          |
|                   | <hr/>   | \$266 00 |

Bounties paid to drafted men or their substitutes: John Esintrans, as a substitute for Daniel P. Thompson, three hundred dollars.

The soldiers' families aided during the year were as follows:

|                              |          |            |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Simeon Merrifield's family,  | \$144 00 |            |
| Charles H. Barrett's family, | 96 00    |            |
| James Kavanaugh's family,    | 120 00   |            |
| John Amadon's family,        | 8 00     |            |
| Frank Shattuck's family,     | 40 00    |            |
| Samuel Thompson's family,    | 72 00    |            |
| Patrick Shehan's family,     | 70 00    |            |
| Lorenzo Dexter's family,     | 67 00    |            |
| Levi Streeter's family,      | 96 00    |            |
| Daniel L. Barnard's family,  | 40 00    |            |
| Silas Stickney's family,     | 96 00    |            |
| Lemuel W. Brown's family,    | 144 00   |            |
| John Lang's family,          | 70 00    |            |
| Robert Wheeler's family,     | 144 00   |            |
| Lyman Spooner's family,      | 8 00     |            |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$1,215 00 |

May 7, 1864. The town voted:

To pay the men that have already enlisted into the United States service under the present call for two hundred thousand men, three hundred dollars.

July 30, 1864. The town voted:

That we pay volunteers, or enrolled men, or their substitutes, one

hundred dollars for one year, and a corresponding sum for the number of years they may enlist, not exceeding three, if they are accepted and mustered into service, to fill up the quota of the town under the present call for five hundred thousand men, to be paid when mustered into service.

That we pay the drafted men or their substitutes, two hundred dollars, to be paid as soon as mustered into service.

That the selectmen borrow a sum not exceeding six thousand five hundred dollars for the purpose.

To choose an agent to procure substitutes, and chose Edmund Bemis as said agent.

September 5, 1864. The town voted:

To pay any that may volunteer from this town, to fill the quota under the late call for five hundred thousand men, the sum of three hundred dollars in currency for one year.

The following volunteers were paid bounties for one year's enlistment:

|  |          |            |
|--|----------|------------|
| Nelson E. Haskell,                                       | \$300 00 |            |
| Albert Cobb,   | 300 00   |            |
| George H. Kinsman,                                       | 300 00   |            |
| Robert M. Silsby,  | 300 00   |            |
| George W. Tupper,  | 300 00   |            |
| Jonas R. Foster,   | 300 00   |            |
| George J. Ripley,  | 300 00   |            |
| John H. Burrill,   | 300 00   |            |
| Danvers C. Fassett,                                      | 300 00   |            |
| Joel Holt, 2d,   | 300 00   |            |
| Oren S. Adams,   | 300 00   |            |
| Frank E. Amadon,   | 300 00   |            |
| Lorenzo Dexter, bounty as a nine months<br>man for 1862, | 70 01    |            |
|  | ————     | \$3,670 01 |

The following men were drafted: Nathan Carter, Alvah S. Clark, Henry W. Farrar, Thomas Goodall, F. B. Forristall, William O. Silsby, Leonard Wright. They furnished substitutes who were paid bounties as follows:

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Thomas Bruce,   | \$300 00         |
| George Wallace, | 300 00           |
| Daniel Smith,   | 300 00           |
| Ernest Beard,   | 300 00           |
| Allen McLeod,   | 300 00           |
| Francis Page,   | 300 00           |
| George Harris,  | 300 00           |
|                 | <hr/> \$2,100 00 |

The soldiers' families aided during the year closing March 1, 1865, were as follows:

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Simeon Merrifield's family,       | \$144 00         |
| Charles H. Barrett's family,      | 96 00            |
| James Kavanaugh's family,         | 40 00            |
| Lemuel W. Brown's family,         | 108 00           |
| Levi Streeter's family,           | 96 00            |
| Frank Shattuck's family,          | 48 00            |
| Daniel L. Barnard's family,       | 48 00            |
| Lyman Spooner's family,           | 48 00            |
| John Amadon's family,             | 8 00             |
| Danvers C. Fassett's family,      | 72 00            |
| George J. Ripley's family,        | 66 80            |
| Robert Wheeler's family,          | 108 00           |
| William Barnes' family,           | 88 00            |
| William Barnes' family, for 1863, | 78 00            |
|                                   | <hr/> \$1,048 80 |

The selectmen's report for the year ending March 3, 1866, gives the following list of bounties paid to volunteers for one year:

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Samuel M. Thompson,               | \$300 00         |
| Sidney B. Bowen,                  | 300 00           |
| Lucius H. Clement,                | 300 00           |
| Ezekiel Haskell,                  | 300 00           |
| Town of Rindge, for Frank Pierce, | 300 00           |
|                                   | <hr/> \$1,500 00 |

The soldiers' families aided during the year were:

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| George J. Ripley's family, | \$44 00 |
| Levi Streeter's family,    | 32 00   |
| Oren S. Adams' family,     | 40 39   |

|                              |        |          |
|------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Daniel L. Barnard's family,  | \$8 00 |          |
| Frank Shattuck's family,     | 17 00  |          |
| Simeon Merrifield's family,  | 30 40  |          |
| Danvers C. Fassett's family, | 42 00  |          |
| Lyman Spooner's family,      | 17 07  |          |
| Samuel M. Thompson's family, | 48 00  |          |
| Betsey B. Amadon,            | 19 87  |          |
| William Barnes' family,      | 32 00  |          |
| Charles H. Barrett's family, | 16 00  |          |
|                              | <hr/>  | \$346 73 |

The disbursements on account of the war, during each year, were as follows:

|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| 1862. Bounty paid to soldiers,  | \$87 00    |            |
| Aid to families of volunteers,  | 171 57     |            |
|   | <hr/>      | \$258 57   |
| 1863. Bounties paid volunteers,   | \$1,200 00 |            |
| Bounties paid nine months men,  | 500 00     |            |
| Aid to soldiers' families,  | 1,015 27   |            |
|   | <hr/>      | \$2,715 27 |
| 1864. Bounties paid volunteers,   | \$6,060 00 |            |
| Bounties paid nine months men,  | 266 00     |            |
| Bounties paid drafted men or substitutes,   | 300 00     |            |
| Aid to soldiers' families,  | 1,215 00   |            |
| Expense, selectmen to Concord,  | 15 35      |            |
|   | <hr/>      | \$7,856 35 |
| 1865. Bounties paid volunteers for one year,  | \$3,760 01 |            |
| Bounties paid drafted men and substitutes,  | 2,100 00   |            |
| Aid to soldiers' families,  | 1,048 80   |            |
| Edmund Bemis, for car fare and expense paid by him for his expense and the expense and car fare of volunteers to Concord to enlist, | 84 91      |            |
| Edmund Bemis, expense to Lebanon and Concord, getting volunteers and substitutes,   | 42 31      |            |
| Expense sundry persons to Lebanon,  | 21 00      |            |
|   | <hr/>      | \$7,057 03 |



|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 1866. Bounties paid volunteers,           | \$1,500 00       |
| Aid to soldiers' families,                | 346 73           |
| Expense of men to Lebanon for enlistment, | 13 94            |
|   | <hr/> \$1,860 67 |
|   | \$19,747 89      |

Thus we see the total expense of the town  
to have been \$19,747 89

Of this sum, bounties reimbursed by  
the State and the United States, \$3,912 00  
Received from State, aid to families, 2,655 52  

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\$6,567 52

Total expenditure of the town, \$13,180 37

The selectmen's report for the year ending March 1, 1894, gives the amount due from the United States Government for bounties advanced as \$1,380.00.

The original papers relating to the mustering in and assignment of bounties of those who went from this town, were unfortunately lost many years since, but the following record gives the names and history so far as it could be obtained, of the citizens of Troy who served during the four years' War of the Rebellion, and is believed to be nearly an accurate and authentic list:

Adams, Oren S., Company A, Second Regiment. Enlisted Sept. 11, 1861; mustered in Sept. 17, 1861, as a private; discharged, disabled, May 30, 1863, Concord; reënlisted, and mustered in for one year, Jan. 31, 1865; assigned to Company C; appointed sergeant, May 1, 1865; discharged, Dec. 4, 1865. Also served in Company E, First Vermont Infantry; enlisted April 19, 1861, for three months; mustered out Aug. 15, 1861.

Amadon, John, Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 7, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861; died of disease, Jan. 15, 1862, on board steamer "Louisiana," Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina.

Amadon, Frank E., Company I, Eighteenth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in March 1, 1865, for one year; mustered out July 29, 1865.

- Anderson, Charles, Company K, Ninth Regiment. Mustered in Dec. 23, 1863; supposed to have deserted en route to the regiment.
- Barnard, Daniel L., Company I, Ninth Regiment. Enlisted July 22, 1862; mustered in Aug. 15, 1862; discharged June 15, 1865, to date June 10, 1865; Concord. Died Dec. 24, 1889, Woburn, Mass.
- Barrett, Charles H., Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 30, 1862; mustered in Sept. 22, 1862, as a musician; mustered out July 8, 1865. Killed at Stoddard.
- Barnes, William, Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Sept. 1, 1862; mustered in Sept. 22, 1862; discharged Aug. 18, 1865, at Concord.
- Barnes, Frank, Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 25, 1862; mustered in Sept. 22, 1862; deserted Jan. 14, 1863, Poolesville, Md.
- Bowen, Sidney B., Company I, Third Regiment. Enlisted March 20, 1865, for one year; mustered in March 20, 1865; mustered out July 20, 1865.
- Brown, Lemuel W., Company F, Second Regiment United States Sharpshooters. Enlisted Oct. 9, 1861; mustered in Nov. 26, 1861; transferred to Invalid Corps July 1, 1863; discharged Nov. 26, 1864, Washington, D. C. Died at Troy, Aug. 30, 1890.
- Bruce, Thomas, Company I, Ninth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in July 9, 1864; deserted Feb. 10, 1865, City Point, Va., en route to regiment. Substitute for Nathan Carter.
- Burde, Ernest, Company K, Eleventh Regiment. Enlisted July 22, 1864; substitute for Thomas Goodall; missing at Poplar Spring Church, Va., Sept. 30, 1864.
- Burrill, John H., Company C, Second Regiment. Reënlisted and mustered in for one year, Feb. 1, 1865; mustered out Dec. 19, 1865.
- Burress, Frank.
- Capron, Joseph F., Company A, Second Regiment. Enlisted April 25, 1861, for three months; not mustered in; paid by the State; reënlisted May 22, 1861, for three years; mustered in May 31, 1861; discharged, disabled, Oct. 22, 1861, Washington, D. C.; reënlisted in Dec., 1863, into the First Regiment Connecticut Cavalry. Died at Troy, Feb. 13, 1892.
- Clark, George W., Company A, Second Regiment. Enlisted April 17, 1863; mustered in April 18, 1863; discharged, disabled, Sept. 22, 1863, Frederick City, Md. Died at Troy, Jan. 1, 1864.

- Clement, Lucius H., Company I, Third Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in March 20, 1865, for one year. Died of disease, July 4, 1865, Goldsborough, N. C.
- Cobb, Albert, Company E, First Regiment, Heavy Artillery. Enlisted Sept. 1, 1864, for one year; mustered in Sept. 5, 1864; mustered out June 15, 1865.
- Collins, John, Company D, Ninth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Dec. 23, 1863; killed May 12, 1864, Spottsylvania, Va.
- Cosgrove, Robert, Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 14, 1861; mustered in Dec. 3, 1861; wounded Aug. 30, 1862, Bull Run, Va.; discharged, disabled, Jan. 5, 1863, Alexandria, Va.; also served in Company F, Third Battalion, Fifteenth Infantry, U. S. A.; enlisted Dec. 20, 1864, for three years; appointed corporal; discharged, disabled, June 14, 1867, Atlanta, Ga. Died Feb. 16, 1892, at National Military Home, Indiana.
- Crook, Evan, Company D, Ninth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Dec. 23, 1863; deserted April 24, 1864, Harrisburg, Pa.
- Cutler, Frederick P., Company H, Second Regiment. Enlisted Sept. 6, 1861; mustered in Sept. 17, 1861; discharged, disabled, March 26, 1863, Philadelphia, Pa. Died at Troy, April 12, 1892.
- Daniels, John, Company D, Ninth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Dec. 23, 1863; wounded and missing, May 12, 1864, Spottsylvania, Va.; gained from missing; deserted Jan. 10, 1865, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Derby, George W., Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 14, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861; appointed corporal, Feb. 21, 1862; sergeant; drowned Aug. 13, 1862, by foundering of steamer "West Point," in Potomac river.
- Dexter, Lorenzo, Company I, Sixteenth Regiment. Enlisted Sept. 5, 1862; mustered in Oct. 23, 1862; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863. Died at Troy, Sept. 21, 1892.
- Douglass, John, Company F, Ninth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Dec. 23, 1863; transferred to Department of Northwest, 1864; temporarily assigned to Company F, Twenty-Third Veteran Reserve Corps, Dec. 16, 1864; died of disease, Feb. 15, 1865, at Milwaukee, Wis.
- Esintrant, John, Company E, Fifth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Oct. 1, 1863, as substitute for Daniel P. Thompson; wounded June 18, 1864, Petersburg, Va.; entered Mower General Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 19, 1864; transferred to Trenton, N. J., Feb. 16, 1865. No further record.

- Fassett, Danvers C., Company E, First Regiment, Heavy Artillery. Enlisted Sept. 1, 1864, for one year; mustered in Sept. 5, 1864; mustered out June 15, 1865.
- Fisk, Daniel M., Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 18, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861; killed Sept. 17, 1862, Antietam, Va.
- Foster, Jonas R., Company E, First Regiment Heavy Artillery. Enlisted Sept. 1, 1864, for one year; mustered in Sept. 5, 1864; mustered out June 15, 1865.
- Fuller, Edward F., Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 14, 1862; mustered in Sept. 22, 1862; mustered out July 8, 1865. Died Aug. 5, 1889, Lynn, Mass.
- Harris, Daniel, Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 21, 1862; mustered in Sept. 23, 1862; wounded Oct. 19, 1864, Cedar Creek, Va.; mustered out July 8, 1865. Died June 6, 1872, Winchendon, Mass.
- Harris, George, Eleventh Regiment. Enlisted July 22, 1864; mustered in July 23, 1864; substitute for Leonard Wright. Deserted en route to regiment.
- Harvey, Edward W., Company A, Second Regiment. Enlisted Sept. 2, 1861; mustered in Sept. 8, 1861; discharged by civil authority Nov. 12, 1861, Bladensburg, Md.
- Haskell, Ezekiel, Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 1, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861; transferred to Company G, Seventh Invalid Corps, Dec. 19, 1863; discharged Nov. 28, 1864, Washington, D. C.; enlisted in Company I, Third Regiment, March 20, 1865, for one year; mustered out July 20, 1865. Died at Troy, Sept. 23, 1884.
- Haskell, Nelson E., Company F, Fifth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Oct. 23, 1861; wounded June 1, 1862, Fair Oaks, Va.; discharged, disabled, Dec. 27, 1862, Alexandria, Va.; enlisted in Troop B, First Regiment, New Hampshire Cavalry; mustered in March 24, 1864; deserted Aug. 12, 1864; returned under president's proclamation, Mar. 31, 1865; mustered out July 15, 1865.
- Hill, Joseph H., Company I, Sixteenth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 9, 1862; mustered in Oct. 23, 1862; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
- Hiscock, Jesse, Co. F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Dec. 25, 1863; mustered out July 17, 1865. Died at Troy, Oct. 13, 1895.
- Holt, Joel, 2d, Troop G, First Regiment, New Hampshire Cavalry. Enlisted and mustered in Aug. 16, 1864, for one year; discharged June 5, 1865, Washington, D. C. Died at Guthrie, O. T., April 27, 1892.

Johnson, John, Company F, Ninth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Dec. 23, 1863; deserted May 30, 1865, Milwaukee, Wis.

Kavanaugh, James.

Kavan, James, Company C, Third Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in March 25, 1862; discharged, disabled, May 9, 1863, Hilton Head, S. C.  
Kingsman, George H., Company E, First Regiment, Heavy Artillery. Enlisted Sept. 1, 1864, for one year; mustered in Sept. 5, 1864; mustered out June 15, 1865.

Lang, John F., Company I, Sixteenth Regiment. Enlisted Sept. 19, 1862; mustered in Oct. 23, 1862; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.

Lang, Charles, Company I, Ninth Regiment. Enlisted July 22, 1862; mustered in Aug. 15, 1862; transferred to Company E, Second Artillery, United States Army, Oct. 14, 1862; re-transferred May 26, 1865; mustered out June 10, 1865.

Laraby, Frank, Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 25, 1862; mustered in Sept. 22, 1862; deserted Feb. 3, 1863, Poolesville, Md.

Lawrence, Center H., Company A, Second Regiment. Enlisted May 2, 1861, for three months; not mustered in; reënlisted May 22, 1861, for three years; mustered in May 31, 1861, as sergeant; appointed sergeant major Aug. 21, 1861; adjutant Oct. 26, 1861; discharged Oct. 31, 1861, to accept promotion. Subsequent service, captain; assistant adjutant general, United States Volunteers; brevet major United States Volunteers, to date March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services during the war.

Lawrence, Houghton, Company D, Second Regiment. Enlisted Sept. 6, 1861; mustered in Sept. 17, 1861; discharged, disabled, July 11, 1862. Died at Troy, April 10, 1884.

McCaffrey, Patrick, Company F, Second Regiment. Enlisted May 6, 1861, for three months; not mustered in; reënlisted May 22, 1861, for three years; mustered in June 4, 1861; died of disease, July 8, 1862, Bladensburg, Md.

McLeod, Allan, Company I, Fifth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 24, 1864; substitute for F. B. Forristall; discharge to date Dec. 14, 1864.

Morel, Peter, Company D, Ninth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Dec. 23, 1863; deserted Feb. 18, 1864, Camp Burnside, Ky.

Mahoney, John, Company D, Ninth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Dec. 23, 1863; wounded May 18, 1864, Spottsylvania, Va.; transferred to Company D, Sixth Regiment, June 1, 1865; mustered out July 17, 1865.



- Merrifield, Simeon, Company A, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 14, 1862; mustered in Sept. 22, 1862; mustered out May 17, 1865.
- Page, Francis, Company A, Eleventh Regiment. Enlisted July 24, 1864; substitute for William G. Silsby, transferred to Company F, Sixth Regiment, June 1, 1865; mustered out July 17, 1865.
- Philbrick, Charles W. Enlisted Aug. 11, 1862; mustered in Sept. 22, 1862; mustered out July 8, 1865.
- Pierce, William L., Company E, First Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in June 1, 1861; mustered out Aug. 9, 1861; served in band. Died July 27, 1878, Milford.
- Pierce, Frank, Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Nov. 15, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861; wounded Aug. 29, 1862, Bull Run, Va.; appointed corporal Sept. 1, 1862; sergeant; reënlisted and mustered in Dec. 22, 1863; appointed first lieutenant Company B June 1, 1865; mustered out July 17, 1865.
- Piper, Francis S., Company I, Sixteenth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 8, 1862; mustered in Oct. 22, 1862. Died of disease Aug. 16, 1863, Memphis, Tenn.
- Ripley, George J., Company A, Eighteenth Regiment. Enlisted Sept. 5, 1864, for one year; mustered in Sept. 13, 1864, as corporal; reduced to ranks April 27, 1865; discharged June 25, 1865, Manchester, N. H.
- Roby, Joseph A., Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 14, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861; appointed corporal March 1, 1863; sergeant May 1, 1863; mustered out Nov. 28, 1864.
- Shattuck, Frank, Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 28, 1862; mustered in Sept. 22, 1862; mustered out July 8, 1865.
- Shehan, Patrick, Company I, Sixteenth Regiment. Enlisted Sept. 11, 1862; mustered in Oct. 23, 1862; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
- Silsby, Robert M., Company E, First Regiment Heavy Artillery. Enlisted Aug. 30, 1864, for one year; mustered in Sept. 5, 1864; mustered out June 15, 1865.
- Smith, Daniel, Unassigned Eleventh Regiment. Mustered in July 23, 1864; substitute for Henry W. Farrar; deserted en route to regiment.
- Smith, Henry, Company F, Fifth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Oct. 23, 1861; discharged, disabled, Oct. 27, 1862, Washington, D. C.
- Stickney, Silas S., Company D, Second Regiment. Enlisted Sept. 3, 1861; mustered in Sept. 17, 1861; wounded severely July 2, 1863; died of wounds July 15, 1863, Gettysburg, Pa.

- Streeter, Charles H., Company G, First Regiment. Enlisted April 20, 1861; mustered in May 2, 1861; discharged Aug. 9, 1861; enlisted Sept. 5, 1861, in Company C, Second Regiment; mustered in Sept. 17, 1861; appointed corporal; reënlisted and mustered in Jan. 1, 1864; credited to Portsmouth; appointed sergeant July 1, 1864; first sergeant Nov. 30, 1864; sergeant-major March 17, 1865; first lieutenant Company A, May 1, 1865; transferred to Company E; discharged Aug. 16, 1865.
- Spooner, Lyman, Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted and mustered in Dec. 29, 1863; died July 7, 1865, Savannah, Ga. Buried in national cemetery, Beaufort, S. C.; grave No. 1399.
- Thompson, Samuel M., Company I, Third Regiment. Enlisted March 20, 1865, for one year; mustered out July 20, 1865. Also served in Company F, Sixth Regiment, credited Richmond; enlisted Oct. 12, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861, as corporal; appointed sergeant July 1, 1862; first sergeant Sept. 1, 1862; second lieutenant Feb. 3, 1863; discharge to date April 29, 1863.
- Tolman, Lorenzo F., Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Dec. 2, and mustered in Dec. 3, 1861; reënlisted and mustered in Jan. 29, 1864; credited Stratford; appointed corporal; wounded June 20, 1864, at Petersburg, Va.; appointed sergeant July 1, 1865; mustered out July 17, 1865.
- Tolman, Sidney E., Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 15, 1862; mustered in Sept. 22, 1862; discharged, disabled, July 20, 1863, Washington, D. C.
- Tupper, George W., Company E, First Regiment, Heavy Artillery. Enlisted Sept. 1, 1864, for one year; mustered in Sept. 5, 1864; mustered out June 15, 1865.
- Wallace, George, Company E, Fifth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 6, 1864; mustered in Aug. 7, 1864; substitute for Alvah S. Clark; mustered out June 28, 1865.
- Wheeler, Robert A., Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Nov. 19, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861; mustered out Nov. 28, 1864.
- Whittemore, Curtis A., Company A, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 15, 1862; mustered in Sept. 22, 1862; mustered out July 8, 1865. Died Sept. 11, 1867, Fitchburg, Mass.

Among those living in Troy but who were credited to other towns, were the following:

Amadon, Henry J., Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 7, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861; wounded at Spottsylvania, Va., May 13, 1864; mustered out Nov. 28, 1864. Died at Troy July 27, 1867; credited to Fitzwilliam.

Amadon, James O., Keene Volunteers. Enlisted April 25, 1861; reënlisted May 21, 1861, for three years; no further record. Served in a private capacity through the war.

Capron, George I., Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 11, 1862; discharged July 8, 1865. Died at Troy Nov. 17, 1868; credited to Swanzey.

Fisk, Asa B., Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 16, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861; wounded Aug. 29, 1862, Bull Run, Va.; discharged, disabled, Nov. 5, 1862, Alexandria, Va.; credited to Fitzwilliam.

Lang, Frederick. Served in Twentieth Indiana.

Lawrence, Frederick C., Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 17, 1861; mustered in Nov. 28, 1861; discharged, disabled, Jan. 2, 1863, Baltimore, Md. Died at Troy Jan. 25, 1863; credited to Fitzwilliam.

Lawrence, Alfred, Troop C, First Regiment, New Hampshire Cavalry. Enlisted April 19, 1864; captured June 29, 1864, Ream's Station, Va. Died of starvation Aug. 19, 1864, at Andersonville, Ga.; grave No. 6144; credited to Marlborough.

Tupper, Alonzo W., Company A, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 14, 1862; wounded at Cedar Creek Oct. 19, 1864; discharged July 8, 1865. Died at Millers Falls, Mass., June 2, 1874; credited to Swanzey.

The number of men furnished under the different calls of the President, were as follows: April, 1861, two; July, 1861, twenty-six; July, 1862, eighteen; August, 1862, thirteen; February, 1864, two; July, 1864, fourteen; December, 1864, seven, making a total of eighty-two.

Most of those who served in the ninth regiment were hired volunteers, procured from other places, or through the recruiting stations at Concord or Lebanon. At this time and during the year 1864, it was very difficult to procure citizens of the town, to fill the quotas required of the town, and in accordance with a vote of the town

passed at a meeting held Dec. 5, 1863, the selectmen hired men to fill up the quotas as necessary. In addition to the bounties paid by the town, the selectmen were obliged to pay in cash, the bounties offered by the United States and the state of New Hampshire, the men thus hired transferring or assigning their bounties to the town.

There is reported as one of the unavailable assets of the town, the sum of thirteen hundred and eighty dollars, due from the United States, for bounties thus paid and which were not refunded, on account of the loss of the assignments before the final settlement with the government, was made.

Deducting the number of volunteers hired and those who served as substitutes, it makes the number of actual residents of the town who served in the war about seventy.

The soldiers from Troy were fortunate in that the number killed or dying, was not as large proportionately, as in other places. This was not because they were not efficient soldiers, or because they were not found in places of exposure or danger. Of the number, two were killed, John Collin and Daniel M. Fisk; one died of wounds received, Silas S. Stickney; one was drowned, George W. Derby; four died of disease, John Amadon, Alfred Lawrence, Patrick McCaffrey and Lyman Spooner. The three last named were buried on southern soil. Several died soon after reaching home of disease contracted in the service.

\* The first soldier to be brought here for burial was Luther W. Fassett, brother of D. C. Fassett, who enlisted in Company E, Second Regiment, from Winchester, and who was killed by a rebel guerilla at Evansport, Va., April 2, 1862. Fassett, with others, had been engaged in digging for a gun that had been buried by the rebels, after being abandoned. He, with a companion, started back from where the men were engaged in digging, to procure

some shovels which were stored in a building about a mile away. They were met by three rebels in citizens' clothes, who had been skulking in the bushes, and who confronted them with loaded carbines. Fassett immediately surrendered, but notwithstanding this, they sent a bullet through his body, while his comrade made good his escape, and the guerillas eluded all efforts to capture them.

The following have become residents of the town since the war, who served from other towns or in other states:

Adams, Edward F., Company E, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 29, 1861; appointed corporal Nov. 28, 1861; sergeant Dec. 1, 1862; first sergeant Jan. 1, 1863; first lieutenant Oct. 31, 1863; captain April 20, 1864; discharged Jan. 6, 1865. Captain Adams was with the regiment in all its battles up to the time he was mustered out, and was promoted through the grades of corporal, sergeant and lieutenant to that of captain.

Applin Charles R., Company B, Fifth Regiment. Enlisted Oct. 2, 1861; mustered in Nov. 26, 1861, in Company F, Second United States Sharpshooters; reënlisted Dec. 21, 1863; mustered in Dec. 25, 1863; transferred to Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers Jan. 30, 1865; assigned to Company B, June 17, 1865; mustered out June 28, 1865.

Brooks, Irving. Thirty-sixth Unattached Massachusetts.

Dort, Asa C., Company D, First New Hampshire Cavalry. Enlisted April 29, 1864; discharged July 15, 1865. Quartermaster sergeant.

Dean, John R., Seventh Vermont.

Foster, Andrew, Fifty-third Massachusetts Volunteers. Died April 2, 1895.

Foster, Joseph M., Fifth Vermont.

Gove, Charles H., Company C, Fourteenth Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 12, 1862; discharged July 8, 1865.

Lahiff, Thomas J., Troop A, First New Hampshire Cavalry. Enlisted March 10, 1864; discharged May 20, 1865.

Moulton, Edward W., Eleventh Vermont.

Maddox, George F., United States Navy. Steamer "Colorado."

Nash, Oliver L., Company F, Sixth Regiment. Enlisted Nov. 28, 1861; wounded Aug. 29, 1862; discharged for disability, Dec. 22, 1862.

Rice, Nelson E., Third Vermont.



Ruffles, Josiah, Company A, Second Regiment. Enlisted Aug. 29, 1861; reënlisted Sept. 1862, into Company K, Fourth United States Artillery. Reënlisted 1864, at Brandy Station, Va.; discharged at Fort Delaware, Del., Feb. 11, 1867.

Sebastian Charles N., Company A, Second Regiment. Enlisted May 31, 1861. Enlisted Aug. 1862, in Company H, Twenty-third Massachusetts Volunteers; reënlisted in same company and regiment, Dec. 1863; discharged July 31, 1865. Was in Libby prison, Old Parish prison, New Orleans, and Salisbury prison, N. C., for about a year.

Thompson, Charles E., Seventeenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Whitcomb, Oliver P., Company F, Fifth Regiment. Enlisted as substitute Aug. 11, 1864; assigned to Company D; credited to Groton; discharged June 28, 1865.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### HISTORICAL AND TRADITIONAL.

LETTER FROM C. E. POTTER, ESQ., RESPECTING THE WESTERN BOUNDARY  
OF THE STATE.—THE SUPPOSED MURDER.—THE ROBBERY.

It has been previously stated that Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Capt. John Mason obtained from the Council of Plymouth, in 1622, a grant of the territory extending from the Merrimack to the Sagadahock, and back to the great lakes and river of Canada—the St. Lawrence; also, that Rev. John Wheelwright and others, in 1629, purchased of the Indians a considerable tract of land between the Piscataqua and Merrimack; and further, that Mason alone, shortly after, obtained a new grant of this very same territory. Some account has been given of the efforts of Mason and his heirs to maintain their title to the territory. On the 30th of January, 1746, John Tufton Mason, who was then considered to be the legal heir to the soil, sold his interest to a company of twelve men, in Portsmouth, denominated the “Masonian Proprietors.” It is also shown that the townships in the vicinity of Monadnock were granted by these Masonian Proprietors. It may not be well understood how the original grant to Mason could be made to include the territory so far west as the Monadnock, and the subject not being perfectly clear to the mind of Dr. Caverly, he addressed a letter of inquiry to C. E. Potter, Esq., of Hillsborough, at that time one of the best historians in the state, who furnished the following communication which may help explain the matter.

HILLSBOROUGH, Sept. 5, 1859.

My Dear Sir:

On page 235 of the "History of Manchester" (Ante and Post) you will find a history of the sale to the Masonian Proprietors. The purchase by them was a bit of sharp practice on the part of speculators and huckstering politicians, that would not be tolerated at the present day, as corrupt as the croakers say we have become. Their western and northern line was claimed to be a curve or arc parallel to the seacoast of New Hampshire, lying betwixt the Piscataqua and a point three miles north of the Merrimack. This claim was undoubtedly an afterthought made for the purpose of taking in a much larger amount of land than was intended in the original grant. This line, which was called the "Masonian curve," and the "Masonian curved line," was surveyed and run out at various times,—and down to the time of the Revolution, was a fruitful source of vexation. The bounds of New Hampshire as granted to Mason, on the south and southwest, were a line three miles north of the Merrimack and parallel to that river to the "fartherest head thereof" till sixty miles were made, and then the head line extended east till it reached a point sixty miles from the mouth of the Piscataqua and on a line running up that river. This grant was made by the Council of Plymouth, supposing that the Merrimack river had its source in the West, as placed on Smith's and the maps of that time. After the Massachusetts people discovered that the Merrimack made an elbow at Dracut, and there came from the north, they claimed that the "crotch of the river" at Franklin was the "fartherest head of the Merrimack," and that a large pine three miles north of there, (and called the "Endicott tree," because marked as the line tree under Endicott's administration) was a bound or line tree on their northern line, which passed east and west through the tree from the coast of Main to the "South Sea."

In 1652, they placed the farthest head of the Merrimack still farther north, at the "Endicott rock," at the outlet of Lake Winnepesaukee, and thence running three miles north, established a point through which their north line extended east and west.

This claim covered Mason's grant and was in controversy down to 1740. In that year the board of "The Lords of Trade" decided "that the northern boundary of the province of Massachusetts be a similar curve pursuing the course of the Merrimack river, at three miles distance on the north side thereof, beginning at the Atlantic ocean and ending at a point due north of Pawtucket Falls, and a straight line drawn from

thence due west till it meets with his Majesty's other government." This determination was made on the ground that when Massachusetts and New Hampshire were granted, the Merrimack was supposed and laid down as coming from the west.

As Mason's grant ran upon the Merrimack parallel, at three miles north of the river, which was the north line of Massachusetts—when the Lords of Trade determined the north line of Massachusetts in 1740, to be as above described, and where it is at present—the heirs of Mason and afterwards the Masonian Proprietors claimed that their line on the south should conform to that line, and the State Legislature acquiesced in that claim.

It commenced on the line of Massachusetts, at a point sixty miles north from the seashore (three miles north of the mouth of the Merrimack,) at the southwest corner of Fitzwilliam. Fitzwilliam was granted by the Masonian Proprietors as "Number Four" of the townships granted in the Monadnock country. There were eight of these townships. Of these, Nos. IV, V, VI, VII and VIII were bounded westerly by the "Masonian curve." No. IV included what is now Fitzwilliam and a part of Troy. No. V. included what was formerly Oxford, but now Marlborough and Roxbury. No. VI was Packersfield, now Nelson and Sullivan, in part. No. VII was Limerick, now Stoddard. No. VIII was first New Concord, then Camden, now Washington. These towns were all originally bounded on the west by the "Masonian curve." No. I of the Monadnock grants was what is now Rindge, No. II is now Jaffrey, No. III is now Dublin.

These were called Monadnock No. I, II, III, etc., and Canada No. I, II, etc. Canada No. I is now Mason, No. II was what is now Wilton, and No. III was what is now Lyndeborough. These townships were granted by Massachusetts to the soldiers in the expedition against Canada and their heirs—but the real object was to give the people of Massachusetts the soil, as the government was about to pass out of their hands. So of the Narragansett Townships, No. III was what is now Amherst, No. IV was what is now Goffstown, mainly, No. V was what is now Bedford, and No. VI was what is now Dunbarton and Hopkinton, or nearly so. Nos. I and II were located in Maine and Massachusetts. These were granted to soldiers and their descendants, that had been in the Narragansett war. Charleston was also called No. IV, being the fourth of a number of frontier towns granted as security against the incursions of the Indians.

These townships are laid down and named and numbered, as I have mentioned above, in Blanchard and Langdon's Map of 1761, and in Holland's Map of 1784. Thus you will see that Troy was within the grant of Mason as claimed by the Masonian Proprietors. This curve line of the Masonian Proprietors was surveyed soon after the settlement of your town, by Robert Fletcher in 1768 and again in 1769. The two surveys differed, but the difference did not affect the line in Cheshire County. This line of 1768 crossed the Pemigewassett betwixt the towns of Plymouth and Bridgewater, (then a part of Alexandria,) passed through Holderness and the north part of Squam Lake and intersected the State line betwixt Freedom and Eaton, that now are, but at the north angle of what was then "Leavittstown."

This line of 1769, commenced to divide from that of 1768, at the south corner of Grafton and on the line of what was then called Alexandria, overplus now Danbury, and passing a little north, crossed the Pemigewassett at the bend of the river above the Livermore Farm in Holderness, and intersected the State line where the Saco crosses the same in Conway.

After the Revolution the controversy as to the Masonian curve was settled by the Legislature. Jan. 6, 1787, they appointed John McDuffie, Josiah Bartlett and Archibald McMurphy, a committee to run and *determine* the line. They determined upon a straight line as the head line of Mason's Patent. Their report was accepted by the Legislature. This cut off a large segment from their claim, and the Masonian Proprietors then came forward and purchased it of the State, for forty thousand dollars in State securities and eight hundred dollars in specie. The State's title was passed to them June 18, 1788, by a Committee consisting of Thomas Bartlett, Dudley Odlin and Archibald McMurphy. Thus ended the Masonian controversy, and leaving Troy still within the Masonian claim. (See "History of Manchester," pages 520 and 521.)

Yours respectfully,

C. E. POTTER.

On the third of March, 1811, a robbery was committed in what is now Troy, and this occasioned no little excitement at that time. The circumstances were substantially as follows: Luke Harris and a young lad by the name of Charles Tolman, were traveling in a sleigh from Marlborough to Fitzwilliam, on the turnpike road leading from



Keene to the latter place. Just before sunset they passed Carter's tavern, where Harris saw a stranger mounting his horse, and soon after observed that he was following him. The pursuit was continued about one hundred rods to a wood, where the stranger rode on and passed Harris and kept a little forward of him some distance, then halted and let Harris pass him. Harris rode on and the stranger followed him almost to the falls, and then passed him again.

As they came to a curve in the road Harris saw the stranger take out a pistol and prime it. Near the road that led to Talmon Knights' the stranger stopped and Harris passed him. The stranger then followed Harris a few rods and then passed him, keeping forward till he arrived at a wood path, into which he turned and stopped. When Harris came up, the stranger rode out, presented a pistol towards him and said, "deliver up your money." Harris replied that "he had none of consequence." The man then said, "d—n you, deliver up your money or you are a dead man." Harris then gave him his pocketbook. The man ordered him to go back to Keene or he would blow him through. Harris then turned back and the stranger rode off towards Fitzwilliam. Harris intended to go back and turn up the road to Talmon Knights'. He drove fast and his horse got a little past the road, and in attempting to turn him the sleigh struck a log and was almost upset and Harris fell out. When he got up he saw the stranger coming back. He came up and told Harris he was a rascal, and had deceived him, that he had more money, holding a dirk at Harris's breast while he searched his pockets, then told him to go on to Keene and if he turned back that night, he would be the death of him. The man then rode off and Harris rode back towards Keene until the stranger

was out of sight, when he turned back and went up the road to Knights', telling him of the robbery and requesting him to turn out in pursuit of the robber.

The robber went towards Fitzwilliam, and when he had got to a dry bridge about a mile south of the place where he robbed Harris, he met a Mr. Willard driving a team, and a Mr. Powers near him. The robber demanded Willard's money. Willard told him he had none. Robber dismounted and coming up to him with his pistol in his hand, said, "d—n you, why do you dally? Deliver up your money or you are a dead man." Willard took out all he had, only a few cents, and the robber said, "march on, d—n you, march on or I will be the death of you." Willard took Mr. Powers' horse and rode on to Harris' tavern—called to the people to turn out and pursue the robber. He then turned back and stopped at Morse's, called to them to turn out and catch the robber; rode on to Osgood's, called to the people in the house—asked if they had seen any person ride by upon the run. Just at that time the robber stepped out and said, "yes, he has just gone by." Willard saw him and knew him and jumped from his horse; at the same time the robber drew his pistol. Willard seized the pistol, at the same time clinching the man who drew his dirk. The prisoner finally got off and mounting his horse rode away bareheaded, having lost his hat in the scuffle. Willard started in pursuit of the robber, who took the old Turnpike road, but when within about a mile of Fitzwilliam village, being closely pursued, he dismounted and ran into the woods.

Intelligence of the robbery soon spread, and in a short time several individuals were on the ground. The first to discover the robber in the woods was Dr. Samuel Lane of Fitzwilliam. Seeing him coming out of the woods about twenty rods distant, he galloped his horse after him, and

when within a few rods of him called and asked who he was? Turning and coming towards Lane, the robber said, "I am the man," or "I am the man pursued." When they met, the robber said, "you are a rascal and are in my power," at the same time pulling on his pistol which missed fire. Lane struck the man with his whip and dismounted on the off side (the robber being on the near side). Lane's horse started while he had one foot in the stirrup, dragging him some distance before he got free, when he saw the robber pursuing him with the dirk in his right hand and the pistol in the left. Lane struck off the pistol and closed in with the robber, who attempted to stab him with the dirk, first in the side and then in the shoulder. Lane called out "murder," threw the robber, who immediately turned him under, and made repeated attempts to stab him, but having bent the point of the dirk against his shoulder bone, could not penetrate his clothes after. Lane continued to hold the robber by the hair, crying "murder." Jonas Robinson and a Mr. Starkey soon came up and secured the robber. He was taken before E. Wright, Esq., of Fitzwilliam, and duly committed for trial.

The prisoner's name was found to be George Ryan, and was from St. John's, Canada. On the 10th of the following May, the prisoner was arraigned before the Superior Court then in session at Charlestown, the defendant pleading "*not guilty*." The trial was set for Thursday, the 16th, when the Court opened at nine o'clock. There were present Hon. Arthur Livermore, Chief Justice; Hon. John Steele, Justice; William K. Atkinson, Esq., Attorney General for the State; J. C. Chamberlain, J. H. Hubbard and Roger Vose, Esqs., for the prisoner. The case was ably conducted on both sides, and the following abridgment of the charge of the Chief Justice to the jury will show

the ground of defence and the principal points brought to bear upon the case.

Gentlemen of the Jury:

By a Statute of this State, the crime of robbery is made a capital offence. The words of the act are: "That if any person shall feloniously assault, rob and take from another person, any money, goods, chattels or other property, that may be the subject of theft, such person being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of felony, and suffer death." George Ryan is indicted for a breach of this law. To this indictment the defendant has pleaded not guilty, and you are to determine this important issue. The extreme severity of the law requires the fullest evidence before you should convict. It is your duty to try this issue on the evidence in the case. An awful responsibility rests on you. You will first consider, gentlemen, whether the prisoner did the deed. If you believe he did it, you will then consider whether he had his reason at the time, and you are to presume he had unless the contrary is shown. If you believe the prisoner deranged at the time, you will then determine whether this proceeded from intoxication or from the visitation of Providence. Intemperance is itself a crime and one crime cannot excuse another.

His Honor then stated the evidence on the part of the government, and also the evidence of Bingham, Hogan and Capt. Dunham, in favor of the prisoner, and then proceeded:

It may be important in this case to consider whether the defendant, previous to the 3d of last March, was a person of good character; whether it does not appear from the evidence that he has been engaged in the North West Company's service, and if so whether this may not account for his being armed in the manner he was. It may be important also to consider whether the prisoner brought back the dirk for the purpose of using it, or whether it was merely accidental.

His Honor then noticed the testimony of the other witnesses, on the part of the prisoner, and proceeded:

Your first inquiry is, whether the prisoner did rob Luke Harris. If you believe Harris, and his testimony is confirmed by other evidence, you must believe that the defendant did that deed. You will then inquire whether he did it feloniously. To determine this, you must also

determine whether he had at that time the use of his reason. Stiles and Shaw testify, that in their opinion he had not the use of his reason. If you are of this opinion, the sin of his transgression is not to be laid on him, unless he was the voluntary cause of his own derangement. Intoxication is no excuse for the commission of a crime. This is true as a general rule. But all general rules are subject to exceptions. Suppose a man unacquainted with the effects of spirituous liquor should be presented with it and should, by drinking it, be thrown into a fit of madness; he would not be accountable for his actions during his delirium; and the reason is because his intoxication is involuntary and unintended. The effects of ardent spirits are very different upon different persons. A large quantity will have no effect upon some men, while a small quantity will intoxicate others. In this case you know nothing of the prisoner before this time. He might have been unaccustomed to the use of ardent spirits. You will therefore consider whether he was probably intoxicated; and if so whether he might not have drunk more than he was aware of. It will be your duty to examine all the evidence in the case. I repeat, gentlemen, the whole responsibility of this trial rests upon the jury. You must not convict until all reasonable doubts are removed. If they are not, you will acquit the prisoner; if they are, whatever may be the consequences to him, it is your duty to find him guilty.

The jury, after being out about half an hour, returned with the verdict of "*not guilty*."

There was considerable excitement in Troy in the winter of 1818, in consequence of the discovery of what were supposed to be human bones, under a barn formerly owned by Levi Haskell. The circumstances were substantially as follows: A son of Aaron Holt, who at that time lived on the Haskell farm, was sick, and Dea. Griffin rode down to Mr. Holt's in the evening of the 3d of January, for the purpose of watching with the sick lad during the night. On arriving there, Joel, another son of Mr. Holt, took a lantern and accompanied Mr. Griffin to the barn to put up his horse. While there, the lantern was accidentally held too near some combustible material which took fire, and the whole building was quickly enveloped in flames.



After the barn had been burnt, a small mound of earth was observed immediately under where the floor of the haymow was; upon digging into it there were found what were supposed to be human bones. It appeared as though a small excavation had been made, into which a human body had been deposited upon a board and the whole covered with earth. But time and the fire had so affected the few bones remaining, that their real character was not easily made out. It was the public opinion, however, that a murder had been committed, and that these bones were the remains of a man who had mysteriously disappeared from the town some years before. Suspicion was fixed upon various individuals; and the excitement ran so high that the selectmen of the town published the following advertisement:

#### A SUPPOSED MURDER.

We the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Troy, county of Cheshire, State of New Hampshire, hereby certify, that on the 3d of January 1818, a barn in this town was accidentally burnt;—that a few days after there was discovered the evident appearance of the remains of a full grown human body, laying on a board, slightly covered with sand, under the place of the floor of the haymow. This appearance was examined, and bones found, which were by those present judged to be human; though they were so affected by time, and the intense heat of the fire, that their original form was not entire, nor were they capable of being arranged in due order by the anatomist. It is the current opinion of the people of this town and vicinity, that these are the remains of a man whose death was occasioned by unlawful means, and whose body was concealed in that place; and many circumstances are called to mind which go far towards strengthening this opinion. About fourteen years ago, it is very generally recollected that inquiry was made after a stranger of whom it was said, that the last which was seen or heard of him was in this town; but his name and place of residence, and those of his friends who were in search of him, are not recollected. The undersigned request that the printers of newspapers throughout the United States would be so good as to publish this, as soon as convenient; and also that any people who can give any information respecting

a person, who was missing, or supposed to be murdered, in or near this town, previous to the time said barn was burnt, would, without delay, forward us such information, that all possible means to detect, and bring to justice the perpetrators of the supposed horrid deed may be speedily employed.

SYLVESTER P. FLINT.

DANIEL W. FARRAR.

GEORGE FARRAR.

N. B.—Troy is a newly incorporated town, taken principally from Marlborough and Fitzwilliam, nine miles southwardly from Keene, (N. H.) through which passes a great road from Keene to Boston, (Mass.)  
Troy, March 18, 1818.

Early in the following winter, Joseph Nimblet of Woodstock, Vt., appeared and stated, that fourteen years before, his brother-in-law, Seth Lucus, started from Provincetown, Mass., to go to Woodstock with a large sum of money; and that he was traced as far as the hotel of Christopher Harris in Troy (then Marlborough), and that nothing farther was ever heard of him. It was stated that he was in pursuit of a farm; and the report was that a stranger, answering the description of Lucus, was seen to leave the hotel, in company with Levi Haskell and Jonathan Lawrence, Jr., for the purpose of examining the farm which Haskell proposed to sell to him, and was the farm upon which the barn was burnt. It appears that the opinion had long prevailed, to some extent, that human blood had been shed upon those premises; and it had been currently reported that there had been seen, in and about the barn, many marvellous phenomenas which were considered indicative of the commission of a horrid crime. Many of those phenomenas were substantiated by men whose veracity we should hardly dare question; but we have a very imperfect idea of the various phantoms to which the imagination under certain circumstances will give birth.

In this case, the evidence was such, and the excitement ran so high, that it seemed necessary that something should be done to satisfy the public mind. Consequently, the persons suspected, Levi Haskell and Jonathan Lawrence, Jr., were arrested, and, on the 11th of January, 1819, were examined in the town house before Elijah Dunbar, Esq., of Keene. James Wilson, Sen., was employed as council for the State, and Joel Parker for the prisoners. It appeared in the evidence that Lucus was missed some fourteen or fifteen years before, that search was made for him, that he was traced as far as the Harris tavern, and that nothing farther could be heard of him. It also appeared that Haskell, about that time, had in his possession more money than he could reasonably account for; and there were other circumstances which led some people to suppose that he had something to do with the disappearance of Lucus. In the result of the examination, Haskell was committed, and Lawrence was ordered to recognize for his appearance at the next Superior Court, to give his testimony in behalf of the State. Haskell had to lay in jail until the next May, when his case was brought before the grand jury at Charlestown; and upon examination of the testimony, the Attorney General thought it was not sufficient to convict the prisoner of the crime with which he was charged, and as the jury did not find a bill against him, he was discharged.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### EDUCATIONAL HISTORY.

DIFFERENT SYSTEMS OF EDUCATION.—INTEREST OF SCHOOL LOTS EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS.—THE FIRST SCHOOL.—THE FIRST TEACHER.—DIVISION OF TOWN INTO SQUADRONS.—SCHOOLHOUSES.—NEW DIVISION OF THE TOWN INTO DISTRICTS.—TOWN SYSTEM ESTABLISHED.—HIGH SCHOOL.—MRS. LOUISA B. WRIGHT.—NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Intelligence lies at the foundation of true greatness. It places man at the head of the animal kingdom, and properly exercised, imparts a grandeur to his whole being. This makes the man, and we judge of him, not so much from his external form as from the lustre of that "spark ethereal" that shines through its clayey walls. This spark is an emanation from the Eternal Source of life, but receives its lustre from contact with the wings of earth. It is in itself indestructible and must continue to exist co-eternal with God, and it will forever bear upon its disk the various tints it has received in its gradual development from an embryotic state. With its original structure man has nothing to do, much less has he the ability to make in it the slightest change, but its development is the great work of life, and for this he alone is responsible. This is a work that reaches to the very depths of man's nature, and its effects stretch on even beyond the bounds of his mortal existence. That a work of such magnitude should be treated with indifference, or receive so small a share of public attention, is enough to fill every reflecting mind with the deepest sorrow. That the mind will be developed is as certain as that mind exists, but whether

for good or for evil must depend upon the influences brought to bear upon it.

But the end attained depends upon the means employed and the object to be acquired. The fame of Sparta, one of the most powerful and important of the Greek states, rested mainly upon her soldiers and her military discipline. The Spartans regarding war as the great business of life, by their system of education inculcated the heroic virtues, such as patriotism, public spirit, courage, fortitude, and contempt of danger, suffering and death. Her eminent men were almost all eminent as soldiers, and few of them had any pretensions to rank as able or enlightened statesmen.

The Cretans having similar views of life, adopted a like course of instruction, adding thereto a slight smattering of poetry and music.

The Persian system was somewhat in advance of these, as being prescribed by law, everything about it was made subservient to the interests of the state, but in one of its features it has probably not been surpassed by more modern systems. The Persians regarded the education of their youth as the most important duty and essential part of their government. They believed that the most of the evils that had disturbed the tranquility of the surrounding nations, arose from defects in the education of their children. Hence, they arranged their system with a special view to the prevention of crime. The boys were sent to school to learn justice and virtue, and it is said the crime most severely punished amongst them was ingratitude. And instead of building prisons and almshouses for the punishment of criminals and the maintenance of the vagrant, they endeavored so to order it as to have no criminals nor vagrants amongst them.

The system of the Greeks was better adapted to the



development of national resources, although less calculated to prevent crime. Here the arts and sciences were esteemed and cultivated, and industry and economy enforced. This system was well calculated to produce eminent men, and the ancient city of Athens, once illustrious as the seat of learning, boasted of many persons who have excelled in the arts of war and government, in philosophy, eloquence, poesy, painting, sculpture and architecture. But there was running through all these systems a vital defect, and one growing out of a corrupt religion.

Taking into consideration the times when they existed, and remembering that the light of revelation had scarcely dawned upon the world, the wonder is not that they were defective, but that they approached so near the most approved modern systems. These nations have given us a noble example of zeal and energy, temperance and frugality, chastity and self-sacrificing devotion to country, which is rarely found in modern history.

Had they possessed a sound religion they might have wrought out for the world the problem of which the last eighteen hundred years have only disclosed the first principles. The formation of a system of education that should give a right direction, and develop in harmonious proportions all the faculties of the soul, a system that should inculcate truth and patriotism, and cultivate the social and domestic affections, love to God and good will to men, was reserved to modern time.

Such a system we may well conceive to have had its birth in the minds of those illustrious subjects of whom the sovereigns of Europe were not worthy, and who following the guidance of the star of hope were directed to the western wilderness, where they laid the foundation of such institutions as the world before had never seen. These pioneers seem to have been raised up for the express

purpose of demonstrating to the world man's capacity for self government. Their plans were laid after mature deliberation, and every step in their development exhibited almost superhuman wisdom and foresight. And in no one thing is their sagacity more clearly seen than in the establishment of the free public schools of New England, which are based upon the principle that virtue and intelligence of the people are the foundation of the Republic. Without these principles the best constitution and laws that could be formed would be but a dead letter upon the statute books of the State. Laws to be effective in a republican form of government, must be understood and appreciated by the people. This requires a certain amount of intelligence, of intellectual and moral culture which the free public schools of our country are well calculated to promote. A republican form of government like ours could not be sustained were it not for the influence exerted by our free schools. This was perhaps foreseen by the founders of our republic, for they not only gave us the best government on the earth, but they also established the best means for perpetuating and perfecting it.

The history of our common school system is interesting, from the fact that by it we have a clue to the intelligence of the people at every period from the early settlement of the country. But it is not necessary for us here to give a detailed account of its rise and gradual development. It is for us to notice the progress of education and the means employed for its promotion in this territory within the limits of Troy.

It will be remembered that in the grant of these townships, one share of land was reserved for the benefit of the schools. At an early period these lands were disposed of by lease for a long term of years and the interest expended for the benefit of the schools.

There is no record of public schools in Monadnock No. 5, previous to the year 1770, when it was voted that William Barker, Isaac McAllester and Richard Roberts be a committee to expend the interest of the school lot in schooling the children. During the winter of 1770-71, several schools were kept in the town, one of which was in the house of Phineas Farrar, under the direction of William Barker, as committee. Who the teacher was is not certainly known, but it is supposed to have been James Brewer, as he was one of the early settlers who took great interest in the education of youth. He had a good education himself and was anxious that the children should not grow up in ignorance. Another school was kept in the neighborhood of Dea. Silas Fife's, but in whose house or by whom taught is not known. For several years the income of the school lot was committed to the care of the selectmen, and it is supposed to have been expended under their direction, in different parts of the township, as fast as it accumulated. As there were no schoolhouses until some time after this, the schools were kept in private rooms and were but of few weeks' duration, and even these few weeks' schooling could not be afforded only once in two or three years.

The school books were few, and the instruction was confined to what we term the rudiments of school knowledge. The New England Primer, the Psalter, the Testament and the Spelling Book were about the only books used; there was no book on Arithmetic; the teachers "set sums," on birch bark or paper, and explained the rules as best they could. Arithmetic was the popular study, but not much proficiency was made as compared with that in our common schools now. To learn to figure by the "rule of three" was considered quite an accomplishment. Soon after the Revolutionary war, English

grammar was introduced, and at a little later period, geography.

At a meeting of the proprietors, April 10, 1777, it was voted to divide the town into four equal squadrons for schooling, and Jedediah Taintor, Silas Fife, David Wheeler and Theodore Mann were chosen a committee for this purpose. On the 23d of June this committee submitted the following report, which was accepted:

Beginning at the Centre Line at the East Side of the town, thence running through the town; then Beginning on said Line Between the Sixth and Seventh Lots; thence Running on said Line to Fitzwilliam for the North End Beginning at the South East Corner of Lot No. Sixty-nine, thence Running Westerly to the North East Corner of Lot No. 53; thence turning South to the South East Corner of Lot No. 53, thence Running West to the town Line.

In 1778, an additional sum of one hundred pounds was raised for schooling. This sum was dealt out very sparingly, for the treasurer, James Brewer, reports two years later that only twenty-five pounds had been expended. It may seem strange that so small a sum should have been expended, but it must be remembered that the war of the Revolution had principally engrossed the public mind, in addition to the building of the meeting house, the support of the ministry, and the making and repairing of highways, consequently but little provision was made for the schools. It seems that the town hardly fulfilled the requirements of the law, for an article was inserted in the warrant for the annual meeting in April, 1781, "To see if town will provide a school or schools the present year, and raise money for that purpose, in order to keep the town from being presented." No action was taken upon the article. From this time until 1787, small sums were raised at different times for schooling, and probably expended under the direction of the selectmen.

In 1778, it was voted to squadron out the town anew for schooling, and Oliver Wright, Reuben Ward, Phineas Farrar, Ebenezer Temple and Moses Tucker were chosen to make this division. It is evident the committee attended to their duties, but no report of their proceedings has been preserved.

On December 15th of the same year, the town voted that:

Each Squadron should build thereon school houses as near the Centre as possibly could be convenient.

Voted that the Selectmen shall appoint the Place to build in case of Disagreement in any Squadron in Town.

Voted that the Selectmen Shall make the Rate for each Squadron.

Voted that every School House shall be built by the first of December next.

It would seem that some of the squadrons neglected to comply with this vote, and it is quite certain that no schoolhouse was built within the limits of Troy during this period, for four years afterwards an article was inserted in the warrant "to see what method the Town will Take with those squadrons that have not provided their schoolhouses sufficient to keep school in." In relation to this article, the town voted "that the school squadron which Daniel Cutting and others belong to, have until the first Day of May next to finish their School House, and if not Done by that time, the Selectmen are to build their school house and assess them to pay for the same."

At the annual meeting in March, 1789, the town voted to raise thirty pounds for schooling, and at a meeting in the following May, it was voted that each squadron should have their proportion of the money and expend it as they thought proper. About this time a few individuals made an effort to establish a Grammar school, probably in accordance with a law passed in 1719, requiring



towns of one hundred house-holders to support a grammar school, but when the town was asked to raise money to aid the cause, it met with an unfavorable response and nothing further was done in relation to the matter.

During the next few years the population increased so much by the arrival of new settlers, that it became necessary to re-district the town, as those living in the outskirts could receive but little benefit from the schools as then arranged. At a meeting held April 21, 1794, the following committee were chosen for that purpose: Lieut. Oliver Wright, Lieut. Reuben Ward, Deacon Stone, Gideon Newton, Robert Worsley, Hugh Mason, Theophilus Howard, Moses Tucker and David Wheeler.

This committee divided the town into eight districts, three of which were within the limits of Troy, namely, the southwest, southeast and south.

The Southwest District comprised the territory on West Hill, and the following is a list of persons included in that district in 1794:

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| Joseph Tolman.   | Isaac Robbins.    |
| Benjamin Tolman. | William Barker.   |
| Joseph Cutting.  | Mr. Alexander.    |
| Warren Warner.   | John Barker.      |
| John Garfield.   | James Dean.       |
| Benoni Robbins.  | Gideon Alexander. |
| Talmon Knights.  | David Wheeler.    |

The Southeast District comprised the territory on East Hill, and included the following:

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Lieut. Reuben Ward.  | Hezekiah Coolidge.  |
| Daniel Lawrence.     | Abraham Coolidge.   |
| Jonathan Lawrence.   | Jonathan Whipple.   |
| Hugh Thompson.       | Capt. Joseph Frost. |
| Dillington Phillips. | Joseph French.      |
| Simon Piper.         | Silas Fife.         |
| George Farrar.       |                     |

The South District included the north part of the village and what is now called the North end, whose list comprised the following persons :

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| Ichabod Shaw.     | Joseph Gould.      |
| Esquire Root.     | Jacob Newell.      |
| Ebenezer Bacon.   | Reuben Newell.     |
| Jonathan Ball.    | Hugh Mason.        |
| John Rogers.      | James Newell.      |
| Lawson More.      | Theodore Mann.     |
| Isaac Gould.      | John Parkhurst.    |
| Daniel Cutting.   | Calvin Goodenough. |
| Daniel Gould.     | William Bruce.     |
| Daniel Gould, Jr. | Eli Gould.         |

The Southwest District immediately made preparations for building a schoolhouse. A meeting was called, an appropriation made, and Warren Warner, a resident of the district, was employed to build it, and by the first of January was so nearly completed that it was used for the winter's school. The building was very small, being only about eighteen feet square, and the walls of the room were wainscotted with rough pine boards. There was no ceiling, consequently the timbers in the upper part were left bare. There were two long benches on one side of the room for the larger scholars, with low seats in front for the smaller ones. About two years afterwards the house was clapboarded, but it was never painted. This was the second schoolhouse built within the limits of the town and stood in a corner of the orchard of Jonas Bemis.

The South District, in March, 1796, raised forty-six dollars and sixty-six cents for the purpose of building a house. Whether this small amount covered the whole expense does not appear from the records, but it is certain that a house was soon built which was located on the west side of the road and nearly opposite the residence of Lemuel Brown. This was never clapboarded or painted,

and was finished on the inside similar to the house last described, only in addition to the two long benches at the end of the room opposite the fireplace, there was one on either side and a common table took the place of the teacher's desk. This was used for a schoolhouse until 1806, when it was sold, the district uniting with the contiguous one in the north part of Fitzwilliam, and sent their children to the schoolhouse which stood several years a few rods west of the Marshall barn, now owned by C. D. Farrar. This district raised one hundred and forty-three dollars towards building the new schoolhouse, which is supposed to have been about one-half the expense of the building. The house first built, after exchanging owners several times, was purchased by Jabez Butler, who converted it into a dwelling house, and now constitutes a part of that owned and occupied by Winthrop Knight.

A schoolhouse was built in the Southeast District in 1796, which was located near the residence of Daniel Cutting, now owned by John Lang. This house was burned in the winter of 1806, and a new one was built the following spring, one hundred dollars being raised for the purpose, which was not sufficient, for the next year an additional sum of fifty-seven dollars was raised to complete the work. This was built on the north side of the road and near the residence of Henry A. Porter.

As many of the early records of the town of Fitzwilliam were destroyed, and especially those relating to the schools, it is impossible to give an accurate account of the first efforts of the people in establishing their schools.

The town was divided into squadrons, which in 1792 were nine in number, of which three were wholly or in part within the limits of Troy.

In 1778, a committee was chosen who leased the school lots, the interest of which was expended for the

schools. Whether a school was maintained in Fitzwilliam previous to 1773 cannot be determined. In 1774 and 1775, seven pounds were raised each year for the use of a school, which indicates that up to that time but a single school was maintained. There was no appropriation made in 1776, for the reason that the previous appropriation had not been expended.

An act was passed by the Legislature in 1789 for regulating the schools in the State, by which each town was required to raise five pounds on every twenty shillings, in the "Proportion Act," to be expended for the support of schools.

Two years later an act was passed making it obligatory upon the towns to raise seven pounds, ten shillings, on every twenty shillings, in the "Proportion Act," instead of five pounds. It is quite probable that from this time Fitzwilliam raised fully the amount required by these acts, as the records show that she was liberal in her appropriations, raising annually from four to six hundred dollars for schools.

The first schoolhouse on land now in Troy was built by Fitzwilliam in 1790, in the North Squadron, and it stood on the east side of the road, between the place now owned by Mrs. A. W. Whitcomb and the late residence of Willard White. This was a small house with a hipped roof, and was never clapboarded. The chimney and fireplace were built of stone, and there was a large stone hearth which formed nearly half the flooring. There was a long bench at one end of the room and one on each of the two sides, for the use of the large scholars, with smaller seats in front for the smaller scholars.

In 1800, by a vote of the town, this squadron was divided "at the Brook between Mr. David White's and Mr. Jonathan Capron's House." This schoolhouse remained

unoccupied from this time until 1806, when it was sold to David White, who removed and attached it to the west end of his house. Soon after the district was divided, the house near the Marshall barn was commenced, but it was not completed in season for the winter school, which was kept in the house of Walter Capron. The new house was built by Elijah and Isaac Fuller, and was finished early in 1803, at a cost of about two hundred and fifty dollars.

Another schoolhouse was built very soon after by the south division, which was located on a road which at that time led from Joseph Forristall's to Aaron Wright's. The floor of this house was elevated at one end of the room, making an inclined plane, upon which were placed the benches, of which there were four tiers, separated by aisles. These were quite an improvement upon the long benches of the first schoolhouses, as they were only of sufficient length to accommodate two scholars.

The Northeast Squadron built a house about 1790, which stood near the residence of Samuel Griffin, which site is now within the limits of Fitzwilliam. This house was burned in the winter of 1806, and at a district meeting on the 19th of the next June, one hundred and seventy-five dollars were voted to be raised for building a new one. This was built on the south side of the road between the residence of Jonathan B. Clark and the Griffin farm. After the first house was burned and before the new one was completed, two terms of school were kept in the dwelling house of Ivers Emerson. The new house was completed in 1807, and from that time the district was well accommodated until after the division of the town in 1815. The schools in the Northwest Squadron, were kept for some years in a log house which stood a few rods east of the Bishop house. The house was built by Agabus



Bishop, and was occupied by him until he built the frame house in which he afterwards lived and died.

In 1804, the town voted to district the town anew, and the selectmen, consisting of Oliver Damon, Arunah Allen and John White were the committee chosen for the purpose. Their report was adopted, and the new arrangement called the North Squadron, District No. 10; the Northeast, District No. 6; the Northwest, District No. 13; and the squadron near Forristall's, District No. 9, and these numbers were retained until most of the territory comprising these districts passed from the jurisdiction of Fitzwilliam.

At the first annual meeting after the incorporation of Troy, a committee of seven were chosen to regulate the school districts, consisting of Caleb Perry, D. W. Farrar, David White, William Farrar, Samuel Starkey, Elijah Fuller and Thomas Clark, Jr.

At an adjourned meeting on the 25th of the same month, this committee reported as follows, viz:

"That the following persons should be included in the several districts:

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Rev. Mr. Rich.         | George Farrar, Jr.   |
| Moses Aldrich.         | Henry Tolman (Farm). |
| Silas Wheeler.         | Curtis Coolidge.     |
| Joab Daggett (Farm).   | Roswell Crossfield.  |
| Sylvester P. Flint.    | Joseph Forristall.   |
| Joseph Barrett (Farm). | John Whitney.        |
| Luke Harris.           | Luther Nurse.        |
| Arnold & Thompson.     | John Whitney, Jr.    |
| Lyman Wright.          | Ebenezer Nurse.      |
| Nathan Newell.         | Josiah Amadon.       |
| Salmon Whittemore.     | David White.         |
| Joshua Harrington.     | Daniel Farrar.       |
| Elijah Harrington.     | Daniel Farrar, Jr.   |

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|------------------|------------------------|
| John Bruce.      | Samuel Farrar.         |
| Widow Bruce.     | Daniel W. Farrar.      |
| Timothy Godding. | Timothy Kendall.       |
| Asa Brewer.      | Preston Bishop.        |
| Thomas Tolman.   | Joshua Harrington, Jr. |
| Andrew Sherman.  |                        |

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Cyrus Fairbanks.     | William Barnard.   |
| Cyrus Fairbanks, Jr. | John Lawrence.     |
| Moses Perkins.       | William Lawrence.  |
| Caleb Perry.         | Joseph Butler.     |
| Peletiah Hodgkins.   | Josiah Lawrence.   |
| Levi Ward.           | Jonathan Lawrence. |
| Abraham Coolidge.    | Jacob Osborn.      |
| Daniel Cutting.      |                    |

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Benjamin Tolman. | Joseph Cutting.   |
| Josiah Wheeler.  | Easman Alexander. |
| Isaac Garfield.  | Joseph Alexander. |
| Elijah Fuller.   | Talmon Knights.   |
| Edmund Bemis.    | Aaron Holt.       |
| George Farrar.   | Isaac Fuller.     |
| Silas Fife.      | Stephen Farrar.   |
| Zopher Whitcomb. |                   |

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Henry Jackson.        | Calvin Starkey.   |
| Benjamin Starkey.     | Nathan Starkey.   |
| Peter Starkey, Jr.    | Peter Starkey.    |
| William Chase.        | Luna Starkey.     |
| William Bishop.       | John Starkey.     |
| Widow Starkey (Farm). | Thomas Clark, Jr. |

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

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|------------------------|------------------|
| David Saunders.        | Nathan Winch.    |
| Joseph Haskell (Farm). | Caleb Winch, Jr. |
| John Sargent.          | William Farrar.  |
| Caleb Winch.           | Elias Evans.     |

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Elijah Buxton.

Daniel Ball.

David Wiley.

Levi Starkey.

Samuel Starkey.

Thomas French.

Enoch Starkey.

Joseph Tilden.

All the property taxed for the support of schools, to be paid into the district where the owner resides, if residing within the limits of said town; all polls and non-resident lands to pay their school tax to the district where they are contained, reference being had to boundaries, to the real estate of individuals whose names are set to their respective districts."

District No. 6, being destitute of a schoolhouse, raised one hundred dollars for the purpose of building one, which was located on a lot of land afterward owned by Stephen Harris. The district was so small that a school could be maintained only a very few weeks each year, and consequently but little benefit to the scholars. For this reason it was thought best to unite the district with No. 3, which was done by vote of the town in March, 1831. Having no further use for their house it was sold to Jonathan Clark, who removed it near his buildings.

The schoolhouse in District No. 1, was soon found too small to accommodate the large number of pupils, and in 1828, the district voted to build a larger one, raising five hundred dollars for that purpose. The old schoolhouse was sold to Charles M. Tolman, who removed it to the west side of the mill pond and converted it into a dwelling house.

The contract for building the new house was given to Joseph M. Forristall, and the work was completed in 1828, in season for the winter school. This was used until the division of the district in 1838, when it was sold for three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

The purchasers formed a stock company, and the par value of the shares was twenty-five dollars. The proprietors were: Daniel W. Farrar, who had four shares; Stephen Wheeler, who had two shares; Solomon Goddard, who had two shares; Alpheus Crosby, who had two shares; Nathan Winch, who had two shares; Lyman Wright, who had one share; Luke Harris, who had one share; Joseph M. Forristall, who had one share; Charles W. Whitney, who had one share; D. Farrar and E. Harrington, who had one share.

The house was thoroughly repaired, individuals subscribing about ninety-two dollars towards the expense. This, in addition to the excess of the stock funds above the cost of the building, made the expense of the repairs two hundred and thirty-four dollars. The object of the proprietors in this outlay, was to retain the building for the use of a high school, and it was occupied a part of the time for several years for this purpose. After a time, David W. Farrar purchased the building of the proprietors and converted it into a dwelling house. This is the brick building next to the Congregational church, known as the "old academy."

District No. 2 expended but little on her schoolhouse for several years. The first account for repairs was in 1833, when twenty-five dollars was raised for that purpose.

District No. 3, was destitute of a schoolhouse at the incorporation of the town, the old one having been burned in 1814. For two winters the school was kept in the house of William Barker, but in 1817, the district voted to build a new house and raised one hundred dollars towards the expense. This was built by Isaac and Elijah Fuller, but whether the one hundred dollars was the whole cost, does not appear from the records. In 1834, forty-four dollars was expended in repairing the house.

Until 1823, District No. 4 had only a log house, when it was voted to build a house in accordance with the improvements of that period, and affording more comfortable quarters for the children. The site selected was



SCHOOLHOUSE ON WEST HILL.

near the junction of the two roads between the residence of Peter Starkey and William Bishop. The house was



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finished in 1824, and cost one hundred and twenty dollars. The schoolhouse in District No. 5, being located some



distance from the center, was removed nearer, and repaired in 1823 at a cost of forty-five dollars. In 1834, thirty dollars was expended for a like purpose.

At the annual meeting in March, 1838, the town voted to make some alterations in the school districts, and chose a committee to make investigations and report what alterations they considered necessary. This committee consisted of the following persons, viz: District No. 1, Stephen Wheeler, Amos Sibley, Daniel Farrar. District No. 2, Daniel Cutting, William Lawrence. District No. 3, John W. Bellows, Amasa Aldrich. District No. 4, Joseph Putney. District No. 5, Chester Lyman.

On the 19th of the same month the committee made their report, whereupon the town voted "that the alterations be made as reported by the committee."

But this division only included the inhabitants of the town, no reference being made to a division of the real estate, and consequently was found not to answer the purpose intended. Another meeting was called April 9, when it was voted to reconsider the vote of accepting the report of the committee, and that they be authorized to amend their report so as to include all the real estate in the same district, except what was by law taxable in other districts. The committee reported the following amendment, viz: "Every person living in the several school districts in the town of Troy shall be taxed in the district in which he lives, for all the real estate he holds in the town of Troy under his own actual improvement, and all other of his real estate in the town of Troy shall be taxed in the district in which it is included; and all real estate owned by persons living out of the town shall be taxed in such district or districts as the selectmen shall determine."

The town voted to accept the report of the committee,

made on the 19th of March, with this amendment. But it was soon discovered that this amended report was defective, and it did not meet the requirements of the law, for the boundaries of the districts were liable to be changed with every change in the ownership of real estate. Another meeting was called on the 2d of June, when it was "voted to divide the town into school districts according to law." And to be sure of its legality, a lawyer was placed at the head of the committee, which was as follows: Luther Chapman, J. M. Forristall, Abel Baker, John W. Bellows, Chester Lyman, Calvin Starkey, Daniel Farrar.

One week later the committee submitted their report, which was adopted by the town. District No. 1, or the village district, was divided, the northern half being called No. 1; the southern half, No. 2. The other districts were nearly the same with some slight alterations and a change in numbers; No. 2 was changed to No. 3, and so on.

At this time Districts Nos. 1 and 2 were each destitute of a schoolhouse, and a meeting warned by the selectmen, was held June 1st, 1839, when No. 1 voted to raise three hundred dollars for building a schoolhouse. This house was built by Mr. Forristall, and finished in season for the winter school. In 1853, two hundred dollars was expended in repairing the house which was newly painted, the lot upon which it stood well fenced and ornamented with small trees.

During the year 1862, this house was repaired at considerable expense, several hundred dollars being expended, and the following winter was burned.

A special meeting of the district was called Jan. 24, 1863, when it was voted to build a new house on the site of the old one, one thousand dollars being raised for the purpose. The new house was to be larger than the old

one—fifty feet long and thirty-two wide—to be constructed of brick or wood, as thought best by the committee chosen to build the same, consisting of Jacob Boyce, A. B. Gates and Calvin Alexander.

The old lot not being large enough for the enlarged house, a narrow strip of land on the north side, twenty feet in width and the length of the lot, was purchased of Thomas Wright.

The building was made of brick and completed in



NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOLHOUSE.

season for the winter school, the expense being a little over two thousand dollars. This building known as the North Primary schoolhouse, has recently been made into tenements.

District No. 2 made preparations for building a house, but not agreeing upon a location, an application was made to the selectmen, who appointed a committee to fix the location agreeably to the provisions of the statute at that time. The committee consisted of Daniel Cutting, Brown Nurse, Daniel Buttrick, Luke Harris, Thomas Wright and John Lawrence.

They reported "that the site for the schoolhouse should be on land of Elijah Harrington, at the southeast corner, adjoining land of Moses Ballou's heirs." This report was dated the 8th of June, 1840, and the contract for building the house was given to Mr. Forristall for two hundred and eighty dollars. After seven years it was found necessary to make repairs and one hundred and forty-seven dollars were raised for the purpose, and two years later about fifty dollars more were expended upon it, but after



SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOLHOUSE.

all the repairs it was an old house and did not meet the requirements of the district. In 1834 the district voted to build a new house and made a liberal appropriation for the purpose. This was let out in portions to different individuals, but the most of the work was done by Ira Boyden, and it was finished in January, 1855, at a cost of thirteen hundred dollars. This was the South Primary schoolhouse, now occupied as a residence by Moses Abare.

The schoolhouse in District No. 3 was burnt in the winter of 1838, and early the next spring preparations were made for building a new one, but a contention arose



about its site, and it became necessary to petition the selectmen to appoint a committee to settle the question. This committee consisted of Luther Chapman, Joseph M. Forristall, Chester Lyman, Brown Nurse and Alpheus Crosby, who reported that "the site for the schoolhouse shall be on land, called and known by the name of the Boyden pasture, a few rods east of an old cellar, on the road leading from Nathaniel Parker's to Daniel Cutting's, at a stake and stones in the center erected by your committee." This question being settled, the new house was



SCHOOLHOUSE ON EAST HILL.

finished in a few months from that time, at a cost of about two hundred and fifty dollars. This is the present schoolhouse site on East Hill.

The inhabitants of District No. 4 had expended about seventy-five dollars for repairs up to 1858.

The schoolhouse in No. 5 was first located nearly a third of a mile from the inhabited part of the district, and in 1840, in accordance with a vote of the district, it was removed to near the barn of Albert Pratt, and repaired at a cost of about sixty dollars. This house was burnt in



1841, and the next year a new one was built which cost one hundred and seventeen dollars.

The schoolhouse in District No. 6, becoming considerably dilapidated, was entirely enlarged in 1849, and thoroughly repaired, at an expense of one hundred and eighty dollars. In 1861, the selectmen were chosen a committee to make alterations in the school districts. They enlarged and defined the boundaries of District No. 1, and made slight alterations in No. 4, the others remaining as before given. In 1861, the sum of two hundred dollars was raised to finish the room under the town hall, which was to be done by laying new floors and repairing the walls and ceiling, and painting. In 1864, part of this room was finished to use as an engine room, and in 1866, it was voted that the south room be fitted in a manner suitable to be used for educational purposes, and furnished with seats, tables, benches, and all articles necessary for such purpose, four hundred and fifty dollars being raised for the expense, Edward P. Kimball being chosen the agent to carry this vote into effect. It was also voted that the two south rooms in the lower part of the hall be used for a graded or high school.

A special town meeting was called May 25, 1878, for the purpose of voting upon the question of redistricting the town anew, and the selectmen and school committee were chosen a committee for that purpose viz: William N. Watson, Charles C. Smith, William A. Harris, Asa C. Dort and George H. Aldrich, who made the following report which was adopted.

After a very careful examination of the school interests of Troy, your committee present the following report.

We find that something must be done with District No. 5. It has money apportioned but is in no situation to school it out, and we are obliged to do something in order to receive the State funds.

We also find the several districts lines in very bad shape, so that the same piece of land has been taxed in one district at one time, and at other times in another.

After a very careful examination, we recommend that the town be made into three districts, constituting a village district, and two outside districts, said village district to consist of Nos. 1 and 2, together with a larger part of Nos. 5 and 6; adding a part of No. 5 to No. 4, and part of No. 6 to No. 3, making a total valuation in the village district of \$144,486.00. Valuation of No. 3, \$187.05, and of No. 4, \$231.38. The other districts having the benefit of grammar school by paying tuition.

We recommend that the village district be divided for the primary department; the north half of the district occupying the No. 1 house, and the south half the No. 2 house; the grammar school going into the high school room, which entirely obviates the building of a new house, and gives the scholars the full and in our opinion the best use of the money we raise for school purposes.

ASA C. DORT.

WM. N. WATSON.

C. C. SMITH.

WM. A. HARRIS.

This arrangement continued until all districts were abolished by an act of the Legislature in 1885, establishing the town system.

By this act the district system of common schools, which had prevailed for nearly two generations, was abolished, and the town became one entire district. The entire supervision of the schools was vested in boards of education, who are chosen by the towns, each member being elected for three years. They have authority "to provide schools at such places and times as in their judgment shall \* \* \* give all the scholars of the town as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable."

The chief reason for establishing this law was to place all pupils, so far as may be, on the same footing. In the remote and outside districts the number of scholars was frequently very small, and complaint was often made that

under the former system these small schools fared poorly in respect to facilities for instruction.

A special meeting of the town held Feb. 16, 1861, the use of the town hall was voted to be given Mr. Carroll D. Wright, for the purpose of holding a high school. Mr. Wright was hired by the district and taught two or more terms, when the interest in the school abated and the project was abandoned.

In 1866, several of the citizens petitioned the selectmen for a special meeting, which was held July 5, when it was voted to adopt the provisions of Chapter LXXIX of the Compiled Statutes, relating to the establishing of a high school. This petition was signed by E. P. Kimball, A. G. Hurlbutt, Geo. A. Adams, E. Buttrick, Thos. Goodall, James O. Amadon, Stephen B. Farrar, G. W. Randall, Andrew J. Aldrich and John Wheeler.

In order to carry these provisions into effect it was voted that the south rooms in the lower part of the hall should be fitted up and used for this purpose. The school was opened in the spring of the following year and was taught by William Moore. There were two terms in each year, spring and fall. In 1868, Mrs. Louisa B. Wright, then teaching at West Swanzey, was employed as teacher. The services of Mrs. Wright were secured the following year and she became a resident of the town. She also taught the summer and winter terms in the North or District No. 1 school.

Under the able and efficient instruction of Mrs. Wright, the school attained a high degree of perfection and acquired more than a local reputation, a large number of pupils from neighboring towns availing themselves of its privileges.

This arrangement continued for ten years, or until 1878, when the village district was constituted and the

schools graded; the grammar department being put in the town hall room, when no more pupils were admitted from adjoining towns.

It is fitting that more than a passing notice should be taken of the labors of Mrs. Wright, whose services as a teacher in Troy covered a period of sixteen years, fifteen



MRS. LOUISA B. WRIGHT.

of which were continuous. Her labors commenced in March, 1868, as teacher of the high school. The following year she became a resident of the town, and for nine years taught the high school and that in District No. 1,

or until the change was made in the arrangement of the schools, and the high school changed to the grammar department in 1878. She taught the latter until the summer of 1883, when she went to West Swanzey for one year, returning in the fall of 1884, teaching until the close of the summer term in 1885.

Mrs. Wright completed her one hundredth term of teaching at the close of the summer term in 1880, and her forty-fourth in Troy, which was celebrated by suitable exercises at the town hall on July 3d.

Mr. William Butler was chairman of the committee of arrangements, and in his introductory remarks, spoke of the occasion as no ordinary one, for he knew of no one, not advanced in years, who had taught one hundred terms of school. David W. Farrar was president of the day, and spoke of the importance of one hundred terms of school in a community like this, and of its salutary influence and the liability not to give it that consideration commensurate with its importance. Rev. S. H. McColleston, of Marlborough, delivered an address upon "Education," and at the close, Rev. J. S. Herrick presented Mrs. Wright with one hundred dollars in gold, consisting of twenty five-dollar coins, and former pupils from Swanzey presented an additional sum. Numerous toasts were given, which were responded to by H. W. Farrar, M. E. Wright, A. C. Dort, Rev. D. W. Goodale, C. C. Smith and Rev. S. H. McColleston.

After leaving Troy, Mrs. Wright went to Marlborough, where she taught for about three years, when she went to Kansas. With increasing years has come increased knowledge from continuous study, and she has until recently been actively engaged in educational work, having been principal of the high school in Seneca, until the summer of 1897.



The old schoolhouses not being sufficient to accommodate the increasing number of scholars in the village, the town at the annual meeting in March, 1893, voted to build a new house, and chose a committee to procure estimates for a four-room schoolhouse, either wood or brick, and secure a location. This committee consisted of John H. Congdon, Henry M. Whittemore and J. H. Bigelow. They reported at the next annual meeting, their report being adopted. The matter was then taken up in the town district meeting. At the meeting, March 13, 1894, Charles D. Farrar, Augustus Hodgkins and George A. Starkey were chosen a committee with authority to locate and purchase a lot. The committee made a report at an adjourned meeting held April 7th, when it was voted to purchase of Joseph W. Raymond the north lot on the muster field. At a meeting one week later, E. P. Kimball, Asa C. Dort, Franklin Ripley, Geo. A. Starkey and Wm. J. Boyden were chosen a building committee, who were to procure plans and estimates and report at a future meeting, when the sum of ten thousand dollars was voted to be raised. At a meeting September 29, an additional sum of two thousand dollars was voted to be raised.

The plans were drawn by Barker & Nourse, architects, of Worcester, Mass., and the contract for building was let to W. E. Austin of Jefferson, Mass.

The building is situated at the head of the new street on the muster field, and is seventy-six by forty-seven feet, two stories, with basement, built of brick with granite trimmings. The entrances are on the east and west ends, the halls and corridor occupying the entire north side of the building; the four school rooms are on the south side of the building, exposed to the sunlight and well lighted and ventilated. The floors are of hard pine and the walls are sheathed with the same, with natural slate blackboards.

The rooms are twenty-eight by thirty-four feet, containing book closets, and the two rooms on each floor being connected by a teacher's room, with suitable wardrobe rooms outside. The building is heated with steam, and the basement besides containing the heating apparatus, has two large playrooms, each twenty-eight by thirty-three feet, with concrete bottom. The entrance



NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.

doors are made to swing both ways and wide stairways give easy access to the basement and second story.

The building will accommodate two hundred and twenty-five pupils, and was appropriately dedicated Thursday afternoon, April 18, 1895, addresses being delivered by Fred Gowing, state superintendent of public instruction, and Rev. S. H. McCollester of Marlborough.

There being no further use for the two primary school-houses, the committee sold the same at auction; the north one was purchased by Samuel Mortimer for five hundred and two dollars, and the south one by Moses Abare for four hundred and twenty-seven dollars, and they have since been converted into tenements.

We have attempted to give a brief sketch of the efforts of the people to promote the cause of popular education, and which, like all great enterprises, had a small beginning; but by the persistent efforts of a few individuals, the work has been gradually carried forward until the present time, when nearly all the citizens are interested in the work.

The town has always done, by way of appropriation, all that could reasonably have been expected. For several years after its incorporation, the amount annually raised for the support of schools was two hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to the literary fund, and this sum has gradually been increased until the present time.

In 1896, the sum raised was nineteen hundred and seventy-five dollars, and the whole amount expended was over twenty-four hundred dollars. The whole number of different pupils registered was two hundred and eighty, of which two hundred and fourteen were in the village.

But the question will probably arise, has this increased expenditure yielded an adequate return? The answer is best given by the schools in comparison with those of the earlier period. How different the schools and method of teaching of the present day! Then teachers were paid eight or ten dollars a month. Now three or four times that amount is paid, and we have reason to feel that the money is well expended. Then the government of a school was often conducted by force, and the most essential qualification of a teacher was bone and muscle to wield the rod.

It is said that Jupiter on one occasion made a proclamation that he would crown the person with immortality who had done the most good, and been the greatest blessing to his fellow-men. The competitors were numerous; the warrior, the statesman, the sculptor and painter, the musician and benevolent, all pressed their claims. But Jupiter, seeing an old gray-headed, sage-looking man standing far behind the rest and apparently taking no active part in the matter, asked him what made him look so smiling? The old man replied that all these competitors were once his pupils. "Crown him," says Jupiter, "and seat him at my right hand."

## CHAPTER XV.

### PHYSICIANS AND LAWYER.

DR. JUSTUS PERRY.—DR. EBENEZER WRIGHT.—DR. CHARLES W. WHITNEY.—  
DR. LUKE MILLER.—DR. A. M. CAVERLY.—DR. MARY ANN HARRIS.—DR.  
DANIEL FARRAR.—DR. DANIEL B. WOODWARD.—DR. BENJAMIN H. HART-  
WELL.—DR. JOHN DODGE.—DR. CARL G. METCALF.—DR. M. S. FERGUSON.  
—DR. BENJAMIN E. HARRIMAN.—DR. M. T. STONE.—LUTHER CHAPMAN, ESQ.

For some years the inhabitants of what is now Troy, residing upon the borders of Marlborough and Fitzwilliam, were dependent for medical assistance upon the physicians located near the center of these towns, for the population was too small to support a resident physician. But after the formation of the new town was seriously contemplated, efforts were made to obtain one, and Dr. Justus Perry of Marlborough was selected. Of his early life but little is known beyond the fact that he was a native of Barre, Mass., and studied medicine with Dr. Stephen Batcheller, Sr., of Royalston. He settled in Marlborough in 1786, and possessing great natural and acquired ability, he gained the reputation of a skillful physician, and for a few years did an extensive business. But unfortunately he acquired the habit of using strong drinks, a habit which so increased as to disqualify him for the practice of his profession. He located in what is now Troy, in 1796, and an effort was made to reform him, that his usefulness should not be lost to his fellow-men. He was induced to sign a temperance pledge, obligating himself to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks for one year, in consideration of which the citizens bound themselves to furnish him with a horse and all medicines



free of charge during the year. This pledge he faithfully kept, but as soon as the time expired he relapsed into his former dissipated habits, and losing his practice, returned the following year to the center of Marlborough, where he died in 1800.

The next physician who located here was Dr. Ebenezer Wright. He was the son of Capt. Ebenezer Wright and was born in Templeton, Mass., Nov. 3, 1761. He acquired a good English education and entered upon the study of medicine at Rutland, Vt. He settled in Fitzwilliam in 1785. He is said to have possessed the rudiments of a great mind, applied himself closely to business, became noted for his sound judgment and soon gained the confidence of the community. In compliance with the request of individuals he removed to this village in 1811. He was here during the excitement attending the efforts to obtain the charter of Troy, and took an active part in those measures which resulted in the organization of the new town. He returned to Fitzwilliam in 1814, continuing the practice of his profession until his death, March 16, 1829.

Dr. Wright was succeeded by Dr. Charles W. Whitney, who located here in 1815. He was the son of Dr. Isaiah Whitney and was born in Rindge in 1791. Dr. Isaiah Whitney was born in Harvard, Mass., Dec. 13, 1765; married Dorcas, a daughter of Dr. Charles Whitman of Stowe, in August, 1787. The Whitman family are descendants of the first settlers of New England. Dr. Charles Whitman was the son of a physician, and whose grandfather, also a physician, came from England, one of the band of Pilgrims on the Mayflower, in 1620.

Dr. Whitman of Stowe, was surgeon in the army during the Revolutionary war, and his wife was a Stevens, and it is asserted that she was a descendant of the celebrated Indian princess, Pocahontas.

Dr. Isaiah Whitney, soon after his marriage, settled in Rindge and continued in the practice of his profession until his death, Nov. 30, 1839. Dorcas, his wife, died in Rindge, July 11, 1844. They had ten children, five sons and five daughters.

Charles W. was the second son, and he gave the following account of his history: "My youth was spent like that of most children at that time; I was very fond of fishing; nothing suited me better than to be angling for the spotted trout in the various streams of my native town, and this was a great detriment to my future knowledge. In the fall and winter of 1809, I roomed with Philip Payson and recited to his father, Seth Payson, D. D. In 1810, I was sent to New Ipswich Academy, and in the spring of 1811 commenced the study of medicine under the tutelage of my father. In the spring of 1813 I was sent to Boston to study and practice with John Randall, M. D., six months, and in December of the same year I commenced the practice of my profession in Marlborough, Mass. It was thought by many at that time that experimental knowledge formed the most important part of a young medical student's education."

He left Marlborough in the spring of 1815, and assisted his father in Rindge a few months, but, the narrative continues: "In October, I started for Vermont to look me up a place to practice my profession, got up among the Green Mountains where the sun would shine a few minutes, and then there would be a snow squall, and above all, I did not like the looks of the land or the people; I became homesick and thought I would much rather winter among my native hills, so made tracks back much faster than I went on, and on arriving at Capt. Gorham's hotel in Troy, the Captain invited me to locate here. I told him I would take the matter into consideration and decide in

a few days. My father advised me not to come, on account of the smallness of the place; but having no place in view, I concluded to make the trial. I came, engaged board at D. W. Farrar's, boarded there three years, built my house in 1818, married Mary, daughter of Dea. Samuel Griffin of Fitzwilliam, in November of the same year."



CHARLES W. WHITNEY, M. D.

He became a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, and was licensed May 8, 1828, and he was also a member of the Western New Hampshire Medical Association. He was an excellent citizen, a judicious, careful

practitioner, and enjoyed the confidence of the people. He continued in practice until advanced age, feeble health and serious loss of hearing obliged him to relinquish it. He said: "I can truly say what few of my age can, I never called for a glass of spirit of any kind for myself, at either of the taverns or stores, since I established myself in town." Although disabled by these infirmities, he enjoyed the society of his friends and retained his intellect until the end.

In consequence of the impaired health and partial deafness of Dr. Whitney, who found it difficult to perform all the labor required of the physican of the town, it was thought advisable to obtain a younger man to take a part of the professional business. Consequently, Dr. Luke Miller located here in 1847. But little is known of his early life, except that he first saw light in the town of Peterborough, and practiced dentistry some years in his native town. He studied medicine with Dr. Albert Smith of Peterborough, and commenced practice with Dr. Hitchcock of Ashby, Mass., remaining a few months, coming to Troy, where he did a fair amount of business. He removed to Winchendon, Mass., in the fall of 1853, remaining about a year, when he came to Fitzwilliam, and entered into partnership with Dr. Silas Cummings. In 1857, he removed to Chatfield, Minn. His wife was Abby Ann Lovell.

Dr. A. M. Caverly located in Troy, Sept. 1, 1853. He was a descendant of Moses Caverly, who was born about the year 1715, in Croydon, a town which lies about ten miles south of London Bridge, England, and who, in company with two younger brothers, Nathaniel and Thomas, immigrated to this country about the year 1740, and settled in Portsmouth. Moses married a Johnson of Portsmouth, about the year 1743, and resided there till about 1770, when with his brother Thomas, he removed to that

part of Barrington now included in Strafford. Nathaniel afterwards resided in Barrington a short time, but eventually moved to Township No. 4 (now Charlestown), where he died. Moses had five sons: Phillip, Charles 1st, John, William and Charles 2d; and one daughter, Abigail, all of whom were born in Portsmouth.

Phillip, the oldest, was born March 23, 1745; removed with his father and the rest of the family to Barrington; married Bridget Pendergast, who was born Feb. 24, 1745, and resided in Barrington till his death, April 1, 1813. During the time of the Revolutionary war he took an active part in opposing the arbitrary acts of the British; his name occurs upon the "Test Papers" from his adopted town, as one who joined the "American Association," and in 1777, he entered the army, and was on duty several months in the state of Rhode Island. After the war his time was devoted to farming, and he owned one of the best farms in Barrington, and had considerably property invested in wild lands in different parts of the state. He had nine children, eight sons and one daughter. Moses, the eldest son, was born April 3, 1771; married Judith, daughter of John Caverno, Aug. 4, 1793, and the following year removed to Loudon and located on a lot of land given him by his father. He died June 25, 1821. Mrs. Judith Caverly died Feb. 1, 1824, aged forty-nine years. They had two sons, Solomon and Moses, the former was born Feb. 21, 1795, the latter, April 13, 1797. Solomon married Sarah, daughter of John Moore of Canterbury, Nov. 14, 1816, and settled on a farm given to him by his father, and adjoining the homestead. They had two children, a son and daughter.

The son, Abial Moore Caverly, was born Nov. 28, 1817, and after having pursued a preparatory course of study, became the pupil of R. P. J. Tenney, M. D., of Loudon, under



whose instruction he remained one year. The last two years of his medical course were spent under the tutelage of Dr. William W. Brown of Manchester. He attended lectures at Dartmouth Medical College and the Philadelphia College of Medicine, graduating from the latter institution, after which he spent several months in the Pennsylvania Hospital. He married Caroline, daughter of Thomas Ames, Esq., of Canterbury, March 25, 1845, and the following year was elected principal of the South Grammar School in Manchester, and he entered upon the duties of the position the next spring. Mrs. Caroline Caverly died Feb. 2, 1851, and the following year he resigned his position as teacher, and again resumed the study and practice of medicine with Dr. Brown. On coming to Troy he purchased the location owned by Dr. Miller, near the railroad bridge, now owned by Mrs. F. S. Schnell, and resided there until the 30th of November, 1854, when he married Sarah L., daughter of Solomon Goddard, and afterwards resided on the Goddard place.

Dr. Caverly was a skillful and successful practitioner and had a large practice, and was honored with several town offices. He was Superintending School Committee for several years, Representative to the Legislature in 1861-62, town clerk, 1857-59. He possessed a love for antiquarian and historical researches, and while engaged in riding over these hills, as duty called, he collected information concerning the early settlement of this region and the early settlers, which was incorporated in a "History of Troy," published in 1859. The possessors of this information long since passed from the stage of life, and the facts here presented have been valuable in giving a more complete history of the towns from which this town was formed. In the spring of 1863, he removed to Pittsford, Vt., where he continued in practice until his death. Being

actuated by the same love for historical research, he collected material and wrote a "History of Pittsford," which was published in 1872.



ABIAL M. CAVERLY, M. D.

Mary Ann Harris, daughter of Luke Harris, entered upon the study of medicine at the time when the subject of the medical education of women was first brought forward. The first women's medical college was established in Philadelphia, although there had previously been formed in Boston a "Female Medical Educational Society," which was chartered in 1852, for the education of midwives, nurses and female physicians, and in 1856 was chartered as the "New England Female Medical College." From this institution Miss Harris graduated in 1859, and after graduation settled in Abington, Mass., remaining for three years. Not being in robust health she returned to her native town and practiced her profession during the

summer season for about three years. She married Jabez Butler in 1869 and removed from town, giving up the practice of medicine. The following resolution was adopted at the annual meeting in 1894:



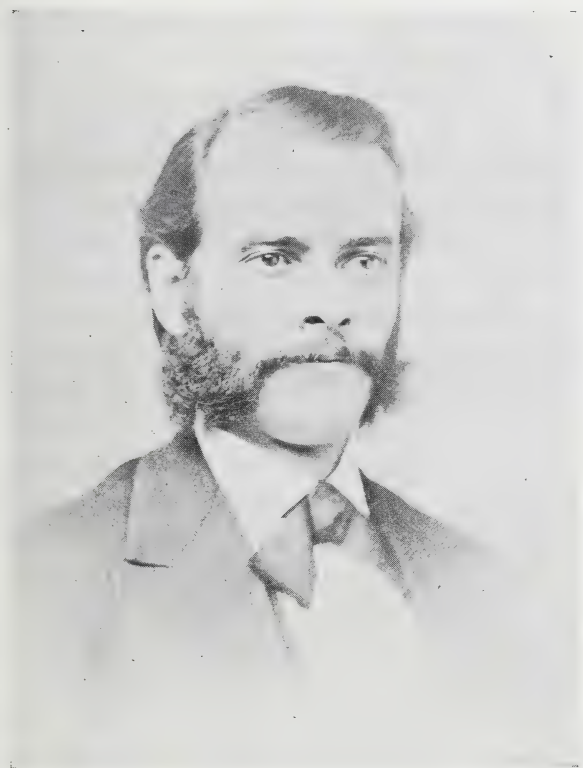
MARY A. HARRIS BUTLER, M. D.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Town of Troy are hereby presented to Mrs. Mary A. Harris Butler, for her gift, free of all expense to the town, of the tower clock which now adorns the town house.

Resolved, That the town clerk be requested to transmit to Mrs. Butler, an attested copy of this resolution.

Daniel Farrar, M. D., was born in Troy and was the sixth physician to locate in the town. He graduated from

the Harvard Medical School in the spring of 1862. He was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the Third New Hampshire Regiment, Aug. 13, 1862, and arrived at the regiment about the middle of September, 1862. His position at this time was an anomalous one, as in his appointment a vacancy was anticipated in the medical staff and



DANIEL FARRAR, M. D.

soon after occurred. He began his duties at once and performed them well. In the spring of 1863, the regiment was scattered, two companies being at Hilton Head, S. C., seven companies were at Pickney Island and one company

at Pope's. Dr. Farrar remained with the two companies at Hilton Head. On April 15, 1863, after the regiment had gone to Edisto Island, Dr. Farrar was ordered to special duty, taking charge of the sick at the outposts of Hilton Head (Seabrook, Fort Mitchel, Pope's, Jenkin's Island and Spanish Wells), with headquarters at Pope's. He had scarcely entered upon these duties when he was relieved by an order relieving everybody in the brigade of which the Third New Hampshire was a part. He rejoined the regiment at Edisto River, and not being in good health very soon after sent in his resignation, which was not accepted. He repeated the act at once and was honorably discharged, on surgeon's certificate of disability, at Botany Bay Island, on May 4, 1863. Upon his return home he commenced practice here. Not being physically strong he could not endure the rides over this hilly country, and he gave up his practice sometime in 1865, and afterwards removed to Leominster, Mass., where he continued in practice till his death, June 3, 1875.

Dr. Farrar was succeeded by Daniel B. Woodward, M. D., who practiced until about 1868, when he removed to Ellenburgh, N. Y., where he now resides.

The next physician was Dr. Benjamin H. Hartwell, who was born in Acton, Mass., Feb. 27, 1845; graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, March, 1868. He commenced practice here the following May, and remained until March, 1869. He removed to Ayer, Mass., where he has since resided, a highly respected and successful physician.

Dr. John Dodge came next from Springfield, Vt., but remained only a few months.

Dr. Carl G. Metcalf was the tenth physician. Born in East Unity, N. H., April 21, 1846; studied medicine with Drs. Butler of Lempster and Swett of Newport, graduating at Albany Medical College in December, 1869. Commenced



practice in Troy in February, 1870, remaining until April, 1872, when he removed to Middleton, Mass., where he was located three years. Failing health required a year's rest, and in 1876 he located in Marlborough, Mass., where he resided until his death, Nov. 1, 1884. He married, in August, 1872, Abbie A., daughter of Rev. Levi Brigham.

The next physician to settle here was Dr. M. S. Ferguson, but he remained only a short time.

The twelfth physician to locate here was Dr. Benjamin E. Harriman. He was born in Concord, Oct. 20, 1854, while his family were temporarily residing at the capital, his father, Ex-Governor Walter Harriman of Warner, filling at that time the responsible office of state treasurer. He commenced the study of medicine in 1874, with A. H. Crosby, M. D., of Concord. He attended one course of lectures at the University of Vermont, two at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, and three at Dartmouth Medical College, graduating from the latter institution in November, 1877. He commenced the practice of medicine at Manchester in the December following and almost immediately acquired a good practice, and met with a success most flattering to a beginner. He had not been in robust health for several years, and in June, 1878, he broke down and gave up his practice, going to Florida for the winter, without much apparent benefit. In October, 1879, he established himself in Troy, and once more attempted to practice, meeting with encouraging success, but the labors of a country practice so wore upon him, that he again succumbed and he returned home the last of the following February, and now, really for the last time. Even then he would not admit that his life's work was done, but combatted his disease as best he was able and looked forward to the time when he should be strong enough to renew the practice of his profession. These hopes were

not destined to end in fruition, for he continued to grow worse, and finally passed peacefully away, on the morning of May 23, 1880.

In April, 1879, Dr. Harriman married Miss Jessie B., daughter of Isaac W. Farmer of Manchester.



MELVIN T. STONE, M. D.

Dr. M. T. Stone settled in Troy, Feb. 20, 1880. Studied medicine with Dr. F. A. Stillings of Concord, N. H., and graduated from Dartmouth Medical College, November, 1879.

The legal profession has never had but one representative who became a resident of Troy. Whether this should be attributed to the peaceful disposition of the citizens, or to some other cause, we will not attempt to state. The fact is but one lawyer ever resided in Troy. Luther Chapman, Esq., was born in Keene, Dec. 28, 1788, and was the son of Samuel Chapman, a farmer of that town. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1803, studying law with John C. Chamberlain, Esq., of Charlestown, and commenced the practice of his profession in Swansey in 1806. He married Sally, daughter of Samuel King of Chesterfield, Feb. 9, 1808, and removed to Fitzwilliam, where he resided until 1836, when he came to Troy and located in the house which formerly stood on the site of the double tenement house now owned by the Troy Blanket Mills. He was for many years a conspicuous member of the Cheshire bar, and although not regarded by many of his associates as a very brilliant lawyer, was considered as one of the "best read" lawyers in the state. The following anecdote is related of him: It is said that at one time he was defendant in a suit brought against him by Cyrus Merrifield, which, though very small in magnitude, maintained its place upon the court docket through many successive terms, and afforded some amusement among his professional brethren. Whenever a term of court commenced and he appeared, their first inquiry would be concerning the progress of the Merrifield suit. On one of these occasions he was asked how he got along with Merrifield; to which he replied, "I guess the suit is about done; I told Merrifield the other day that he might take fifteen dollars and go to h—l, and I guess he will do it." Mr. Chapman returned to Fitzwilliam, where he died Aug. 15, 1856, aged seventy-seven. His wife died there Aug. 1, 1869, aged eighty-seven.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### MILLS AND MANUFACTURING.

FIRST GRIST AND SAWMILLS.—MANUFACTURE OF WOODEN WARE.—PAIL SHOPS.—SCYTHE FACTORY.—PAIL HANDLES.—BROWN EARTHEN WARE AND POTTERY.—TANNERY.—HAT MAKING.—FULLING MILLS.—FIRST HORSE BLANKETS MADE.—TROY BLANKET MILLS.—GRANITE INDUSTRY.—BOX MAKING.—BRICK YARDS.

At a meeting of the proprietors of the township Monadnock No. 4, held at the inn of Capt. Thomas Cowdin, in Fitchburg, Oct. 11, 1768, it was voted that the sum of twenty pounds, lawful money, be paid to Col. Sampson Stoddard in consideration of his conveying to Doctor Gideon Tiffany two lots of land to build a gristmill on, which sum was to be in full for the same. For some reason the mill built by Tiffany was not accepted by the proprietors, and at a meeting held March 4, 1772, a committee was chosen to put in execution the bond given by Tiffany, to build and keep in good repair a gristmill, or to make some proper settlement with him regarding the mill. Soon after this, the mill was completed and put in order by Thomas Tolman. This mill, which stood near where the old blanket mill stands, answered the purpose of the proprietors. A little later he erected near it a good sawmill, which was close by the spot where the highway crosses the stream. Joshua Harrington purchased the property about 1780. The sawmill was not long used, but the gristmill for a long time was known far and wide as the "Harrington mill," and was continued in operation by Mr. Harrington and his sons until about 1834, or more than fifty years.

About 1779, Daniel Cutting built a sawmill near the present mill of C. D. Farrar, and Phineas Farrar built a gristmill at the North end in 1784. A sawmill was built near the present site of the Troy Blanket Mills about 1789, by Ephraim Root, which was burned some years later.

In 1803, Hezekiah Hodgkins built a sawmill on the location now owned by Geo. S. Colburn on East Hill. At one time Luke Parkhurst had a sawmill near the Porter White place, so-called, on West Hill.

The manufacture of wooden ware is one of the most important industries of the town, having been carried on for more than one hundred years.

Thomas Clark, in 1779, commenced the making of mortars, spools, plates, bowls and trays, which he carried away and exchanged for food and clothing, thus materially adding to his income.

The first shop erected for the manufacture of pails was built by Moses Curtis and was situated on the stream below the old tannery. At what time this shop was built we are unable to state, but about 1826, or a little later, the shop was purchased by Luke Harris, and soon after he formed a partnership with Charles Coolidge. This partnership continued for a few years, when the shop was purchased by Mr. Coolidge who carried on the business alone until 1859, when he sold the shop to Thomas Goodall and retired from the business.

In the spring of 1845, Capt. Solomon Goddard and Edwin Buttrick formed a partnership for the manufacture of pails, and built the brick pail shop now in use. This partnership continued until the death of Capt. Goddard, which occurred in 1854, when Mr. Buttrick bought his partner's share of the business which he carried on alone until 1866, when his son-in-law, Asa C. Dort, became a



partner. In June, 1878, the larger part of the shop was destroyed by fire, the sawmill and the interior of the brick building being burnt, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars. The present wooden buildings were built soon after. After the death of Mr. Buttrick in 1891, the latter



PAIL SHOP OF E. BUTTRICK & Co.

succeeded to the business which is still carried on under the name of E. Buttrick & Co. Some twenty or twenty-five hands are employed in the manufacture of tubs and pails, consuming about twelve hundred cords of pine.

About 1826, Amos Sibley built a new shop at the North end, which was for several years used as a peg mill and was afterwards converted into a pail shop. This mill remained vacant for a number of years and became the property of David W. Farrar. This is the mill now owned by his son, Charles D. Farrar, in which he commenced the manufacture of pails and buckets in 1873.

Since 1880, Mr. Farrar has had his dry houses destroyed

by fire several times, either wholly or in part, with more or less loss each time, aggregating a large sum. He employs eighteen or twenty men, and uses about a thousand cords of pine yearly, making principally pails and buckets.



PAIL SHOP OF CHAS. D. FARRAR.

George Brown built a mill at the North end in 1837, in which he made wash boards, mop handles, clothespins, turned bed posts, mortars and fancy dishes.

About 1878, Coolidge & Whittemore commenced the manufacture of wooden ware at Bowkerville, in the shop formerly owned by Elijah Bowker of Fitzwilliam. Both partners, Elbridge Coolidge and Henry M. Whittemore, are residents of Troy, but the mill is located just over the line in Fitzwilliam. This firm continued in business until 1895 when Mr. Coolidge retired, and the business was conducted by Henry M. Whittemore for a short time.

About 1801, William Barnard and Moses Aldrich built

a scythe factory at the North end, the first one in town, and commenced making scythes, continuing in business until 1816, when they sold out to Amos Sibley, who carried on the business until 1844. At that time it was considered a good day's work for a person to make six scythes, which were worth ten dollars per dozen. He sold the scythe shop to Whitcomb & Forristall in 1856, who converted it into a pail shop. This is the building near the railroad crossing, which was last used as a pottery and is now owned by the Troy Blanket Mills.

For several years Webster Corey made pail handles at his shop on West Hill, turning them by hand, and at one time did quite an extensive business, but the invention of machinery, so that the whole work is done automatically, has made it unprofitable to do business by hand turning.

Winthrop Knight carried on the wheelwright business at his shop at the North end, and forty or fifty years ago manufactured sash and blinds.

The manufacture of earthen ware and pottery was carried on more or less constantly for a period of sixty-five or seventy years.

In 1821, Constant Weaver built a pottery, the first in town, which stood in the back part of what was recently the hotel garden. Mr. Weaver did but little in the pottery himself, devoting his time to the tavern, but committed the management of it to his son, who proved incompetent to the task, and it not proving profitable was soon given up.

About 1812, Col. Daniel W. Farrar built a pottery which stood in the forks of the road near the place owned by Mrs. Gilbert C. Bemis, and which was rented in 1817 or 1818 to Solomon Goddard and Jonathan B. French, who carried on a partnership business for about three years, when their business relations were dissolved. Capt.

Goddard was a potter by trade, having served an apprenticeship in his father's shop. Some time previous to the dissolving of the partnership, he had purchased of Joshua Harrington, Jr., about two acres of land with the buildings thereon, which was part of the place now owned by Hiram W. Hutt, and upon which he built a new pottery in which he carried on business until 1843, when he sold it to Eri J. Spaulding, and after about two years entered into business with Edwin Buttrick in the manufacture of wooden ware. The old pottery in which Goddard and French worked was afterwards removed and formed part of the dwelling house now owned by Nicholas Grimes.

After quitting the pottery, French, in company with Moses Ballou, rented Col. Farrar's store and was engaged in trade for a short time but soon relinquished it and moved to the West.

At one time there was a pottery on the brow of the hill just beyond the residence of John McCarley. This originally belonged to Rev. Ezekiel Rich and afterwards became the property of Elisha H. Tolman. Who carried on business in this establishment cannot be ascertained.

About 1878, C. M. Silsby & Co. made pottery at the North end in the old Whitcomb & Forristall pail shop, and a year or two later by W. G. & R. M. Silsby for a short time, and afterwards by Henry McCormac. About the same time Charles A. Farrar was engaged in making pottery in the brick shop now owned by him.

The business could not be made profitable in competition with the larger establishments which turned out the cheaper grades of ware by machinery, and gradually fell into decay, and no manufacturing has been done for some twelve or fourteen years.

Frank A. Aldrich carried on the North end pottery for a short time previous to Henry McCormac.



Harvey Blanding built the shop now owned by C. A. Farrar, in 1849, in which he manufactured pails for about ten years, or until his death. After his death the shop was purchased by E. P. Kimball and Daniel M. Farrar, and for a time was rented to one Perley for the manufacture of chair stock. After a time Mr. Farrar purchased the interest of his partner and engaged in the manufacture of pails until his death in 1870. He also built the saw-mill which is now a part of the shop of Marcus V. Damon.

Jason Winch, a native of Framingham, Mass., came here in 1782 or 1783, and built a tannery on the site of the one burned a few years since. He carried on tanning and currying for a few years, but being unfortunate in business he closed it up and left town. It is quite probable that the property remained idle until 1815, when the tanyard and the Warren stand was purchased by Lyman Wright, of David White and Joshua Harrington, who obtained them of Warren at the time he left town. He came here from Templeton, Mass., where he learned the tanner's trade. Soon after acquiring the property, he built a new tannery which stood nearly over the stream and a little lower down than the old one. Some years after he moved it farther up the stream and toward the north, putting an addition upon the east end, and this formed the principal part of the tannery as long as it stood.

Moses Bush, a native of Templeton and a tanner by trade, came here in 1824, and formed a partnership with Col. Wright, which continued until the death of Mr. Bush in 1826.

At a later period a partnership was formed with Francis Foster, and the firm of Wright & Foster continued in business until the death of Mr. Wright. Mr. Foster carried on the business alone for several years, but in 1869 the tannery passed into the hands of W. G. & R.



M. Silsby. The firm consisted of William G. Silsby and Robert M. Silsby, tanners by trade, who came here from Alstead. They carried on the business for about fifteen years, when the former retired from the firm. R. M. Silsby carried on business for a short time until the destruction of the tannery by fire, which occurred April 13, 1887.

The tannery site and water privilege is now owned by the Troy Blanket Mills. Charles Davis, a native of Hancock, came here in 1819, and purchased an old house which stood on the farm formerly owned by John Flagg and moved it to the village. Mr. Davis was a hatter by trade, and a part of his house was finished for a hat shop, and was probably the first establishment of the kind in Troy. He carried on the business for about ten years and then moved to Holden, Mass.

Benjamin F. Grosvenor, a hatter, came here about 1831, and commenced hat making in what is now called the tinshop house. On coming here he formed a partnership with Edward Tolman, and the following year he sold his interest to Tolman and moved to New Boston, where he resided one year, and then went to Hillsborough Bridge, but returned to Troy in 1836, and resumed the business of hat making. The following year he built a shop which stood near what is now the stable of C. W. Brown's heirs, which was removed in 1856 and converted into a dwelling house. He removed from here to Methuen, Mass.

The business was afterwards carried on by E. P. Kimball, who served an apprenticeship under Grosvenor. Mr. Kimball carried on the business of tinsmith in the same house for a number of years, the tinshop house, so-called, and at one time had ten peddlers on the road.

Alexander Parkman, a clothier by trade, had a fulling mill near the present site of the Troy Blanket Mills, about

1778. He lived here for about ten years, and it is presumed found plenty of work to keep him busy in the season for dressing cloth, for at that time all families spun their yarn and wove their cloth. He removed to New York about 1788.

About 1790, a fulling mill was built in the village. By whom built or operated cannot be stated. About 1800, two brothers, John and William Brown, came here from Fitchburg and purchased the mill and worked at their trade as clothiers a short time, but not succeeding according to their expectations, they sold the mill to Thomas Benney and moved back to Fitchburg. The mill was burnt soon after and Mr. Benney rebuilt it. He remained for three or four years and then left the place.

Salmon Whittemore bought of Jonathan Wood of Fitzwilliam, the Benney mill, April, 1815, paying sixteen hundred dollars for the same, but the mill was old and the timbers so decayed that the following year he took the mill down and built a new one on the same spot, and this building was the one that formed that part of the tannery which was used for finishing leather. Mr. Whittemore carried on the mill for several years and was succeeded by Oliver Hawkins, who used the mill only for a short time. After this the building was used by a Mr. Coolidge for the manufacture of rakes, and later by one Danforth for the manufacture of pitchforks, etc., and still later by William Jackson, who made axes.

Joshua Harrington, Jr., and his brother, Elijah Harrington, built a carding mill about 1808, which stood on the opposite side of the stream from what is now called the "middle mill" of the Troy Blanket Mills. They carried on business until 1808, when Joshua sold his interest in the mill to his brother Elijah. He continued the business alone in the season for carding wool until 1840,

when he sold it to Charles Coolidge, who took it down, as it interfered with the operation of his pail mill.

Luke Harris bought the gristmill and water privilege of Elijah Harrington, in 1836. He took the gristmill down and commenced immediately to build a factory, which was completed the following year and used to manufacture woolen cloth.

The most important and chief branch of industry, and one that has added much to the growth and prosperity



TROY BLANKET MILLS—FRONT VIEW.

of the town, is the manufacture of horse blankets. Troy is the birthplace of this branch of industry, for previous to the time when the first blanket was made by Thomas Goodall, in 1857, there was none made in America, all blankets used being the English square blanket, imported and expensive. From a very small beginning, this branch of manufacturing has become an extensive one throughout

the country, and is an important one in many towns in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Thomas Goodall was a native of Dewsbury, England, and served an apprenticeship with a large manufacturing establishment in his native town for eleven years. He came to America in 1846 and settled in Troy in 1851. On coming to Troy he hired the Harris mill, then owned by Stephen Wheeler and Brown Nurse, and in company with a Mr. Turner, commenced the manufacture of a cheap grade of beavers and satinets, or "nigger cloth," as it was called on account of its color. The weaving was done in the Harris mill, but the material was prepared at the mill of Winthrop Knight, at the North end.

After a few years, Goodall & Turner sold out to Burnett & Risley, Mr. Goodall going to Ashuelot, where he engaged in getting out shoddy; from there going to Marlborough. The latter firm did not possess sufficient capital to conduct a successful business, and Mr. Goodall returned to Troy, buying out the interest of Burnett, the firm becoming Goodall & Risley. The business did not pay and Risley disposed of his interest to Mr. Goodall. This was just preceding the financial panic of 1857; business was getting dull and money scarce, and horse blankets were imported and expensive. Mr. Goodall conceived the idea of making blankets from the cheap cloth which he was manufacturing, with straps and buckles attached. This cloth was three-fourths of a yard in width, and the first blanket was made by taking two strips of suitable length, joining them together, a narrow strip of red flannel being used to cover the seam and for binding. As all the imported blankets were square, an improvement was made in those for stable use in having them cut out so as to fit the neck without wrinkling. As a blanket made from this cloth was not quite wide enough, the



width was increased to one yard, and for a long time the blankets were made in this manner, being sewed together by hand by the people of the village, the cloth being cut into suitable lengths and shaped and distributed at their residences. The blankets did not sell very readily at first, but the hard times and the war of the Rebellion soon created a demand for a cheap blanket and they then found a ready sale, and for several years the business proved highly profitable.



TROY BLANKET MILLS—REAR VIEW.

After a time, Mr. Goodall purchased the mill and also the building known as the middle mill, and continued in business until November, 1865, when the Troy Blanket Mills was formed by J. H. Elliot, R. H. Porter and Barrett Ripley of Keene, who purchased of Goodall the mills and machinery and all the other real estate and privileges owned by him. At that time the mill contained two sets



of cards, two hand jacks, nine looms and but one or two sewing machines, as most of the blankets were made by hand. The present brick mill was erected in 1869 and contained three sets of cards, jacks and looms. It was enlarged in 1877, and the machinery of the old mill moved to it and the old mill abandoned.

The mill was enlarged in 1880, at that time containing ten sets of cards, seven self-operating jacks, with fourteen hundred spindles and sixty looms, besides printing machinery and sewing machines. It was further enlarged in 1887, when the office was built; in 1889, by the addition of the engine house, storehouse and west wing, and again in 1890 and 1892. The capacity of the mill has been increased from five hundred blankets daily in 1880, to twelve hundred at the present time, and two hundred and fifty hands are employed.

Barrett Ripley was superintendent until 1887. The Troy Blanket Mills was incorporated Jan. 1, 1887, with a capital stock of eighty thousand dollars. Franklin Ripley is the present superintendent.

The growth of the town has been commensurate with the growth of this industry.

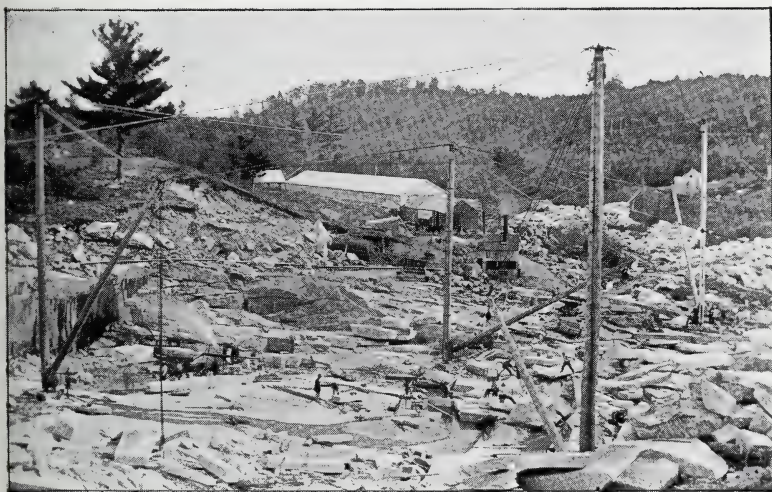
Mr. Goodall located in Sanford, Maine, after leaving Troy, where he has been very successful, building up a large and prosperous business, having six or seven large mills used in the manufacture of blankets, plushes and plush goods of various descriptions, and about which has developed a large and flourishing village.

But little was done in the granite industry until within a very few years, although Troy contains granite of a superior quality, which has been found to be very valuable for building and monumental purposes, having good color and evenness and firmness of composition which enables it to withstand exposure, holding its color well

after long exposure to air and moisture. As examples, the residences of Mrs. Sarah E. Harris and Hiram C. Newton may be cited, both having been built more than fifty years ago from stone taken from the quarry now owned by the Troy Granite Co.

Quite a good many years ago, a Mr. Bates opened a quarry near the present farm of Michael Enright, 2d. The stone was used in the construction of a bank building in Fitchburg. This quarry was afterwards owned by David Woodward, but little stone was ever taken from it, and it has remained idle for twenty years or more.

Alpheus Crosby owned the Falls quarry, now owned by the Troy Granite Co., and got out the stone from



QUARRY OF TROY GRANITE CO.

which the basement to the Congregational church and the house of Mrs. Harris was built, the latter in 1837. Later one Frye became the owner and built the house now owned by H. C. Newton. After changing hands several times, it became the property of Luther Whittemore, but

it was not worked much, nearly if not all the stone taken out being used for local purposes only. About 1890-91, the quarry became the property of Pellett Bros. of Worcester, Mass., who quarried considerable stone which they used for building purposes. After a year or two they sold out to other Worcester parties, who operate it under the name of the Troy Granite Co. The present officers are, L. A. Taylor, president; O. W. Norcross, vice president; A. O. Knights, treasurer. In 1895 the firm of Norcross Bros. secured the contract for building the approaches to the new Congressional Library at Washington, which they built of the Troy granite, erecting a large shed, two hundred feet in length, and several other buildings for the purpose, and for a time over a hundred men were employed. Previous to this all stone had been shipped in the rough state. William Y. Woodbury is the present superintendent.

Marcus V. Damon commenced the manufacture of pails in 1893, on the site of the Mellen Farrar sawmill.

Austin B. Gates manufactured clothespins in the mill now owned by Arthur Edwards. This mill was built by Mr. Gates and was afterwards owned by John Woods and later, by George Brown and A. W. Stockwell, who sold it to Edwards.

In 1883, Oliver C. Whitcomb came here from Swanzey and commenced the manufacture of locked corner packing boxes in the old mill formerly occupied by the Troy Blanket Mills. A few years after, Frank S. Harris entered into partnership with Mr. Whitcomb, the firm name being O. C. Whitcomb & Co. Some twenty to thirty hands were constantly employed, and it became necessary to procure larger and more commodious quarters. Accordingly the old "picture frame shop" was leased and was being fitted up for the business, when it was destroyed by the fire

which occurred in April, 1887. They remained in their former quarters until 1891, when they moved to Harrisville.

The making of brick was an industry that has been carried on quite successfully at different times. The first brickyard was near the present residence of Elijah H. Adams, and was owned and conducted by Rev. Ezekiel Rich for a short time, when it was abandoned. The brick used in building the Congregational church were made in this yard. Mr. Rich also owned another yard, which is that part east of the railroad, now owned by the Troy Brick Co. This became the property of Elisha H. Tolman, who manufactured brick for a few years. After this it passed into the hands of E. P. Kimball, who sold it to W. P. Chamberlain of Keene, and the clay was used in the manufacture of pottery at Keene. It then became the property of George W. Ball of Keene, who made brick for some years, when the business was abandoned, and it remained idle. About 1888 or 1889, the property was sold at auction for one hundred dollars, and was purchased by a company, of whom C. C. Abbey of Chicopee, Mass., and M. J. Sherman of Keene were the principal owners, and known as the Troy Brick Co. Considerable money was expended in erecting new buildings and sheds and putting in modern machinery and implements, and for several years a large number of bricks were made.

About 1836, Capt. Thomas Wright opened a yard near where George A. Starkey's trout ponds are situated, and carried on a successful business for twenty-five or thirty years. He did considerable business as a contractor, and made the brick for and built all the brick structures in the village with the single exception of the Congregational church.

In 1870, Moses E. Wright, Henry J. Brown and E. P.



Kimball formed a partnership under the name of Wright, Brown & Co., for the manufacture of picture frames and moulding. The frames were made in the brick shop now owned by C. A. Farrar, and the finishing done in part of Mr. Kimball's store. In 1873, a building was erected on the opposite side of the stream from the tannery, eighty by forty feet, two stories high with basement, and the business moved into it. The enterprise proved profitable for several years, but finally the firm was dissolved, and later H. J. Brown & Co. carried on the manufacture of brooms for some three or four years. This firm was composed of Henry J. Brown, Charles C. Smith and E. P. Kimball. For several years after this the building remained empty, until the spring of 1887, when it was leased by O. C. Whitcomb & Co. for the manufacture of boxes, and was being fitted up for that purpose when it was destroyed by fire, April 13, 1887.

About fifty years ago, James R., Alvah and Abner Stanley purchased the Hodgkins mill on East Hill, and making some additions and improvements, carried on business for many years, first in getting out chair posts, which were carried to Gardner by team, and later in the manufacture of clothespins and office chairs. They also operated a grist-mill during the time, and did the grinding for the surrounding country in Jaffrey, Marlborough, Fitzwilliam and Troy. This mill was afterwards purchased by George S. Colburn, and operated by him at different times, until it was burned a few years since.



## CHAPTER XVII.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

THE OLD MILITARY ROAD.—POST OFFICE AND POSTMASTERS.—FORMATION OF AN ENGINE COMPANY.—HAMILTON ENGINE AND COMPANY.—MONADNOCK STEAMER CO.—FREE MASONS.—MONADNOCK LODGE, NO. 80, F. & A. M.—LIST OF OFFICERS.—PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.—REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT.

During the years 1735 to 1760, the almost constant wars with the Indians made it a matter of importance that some direct way of communication should be established between Massachusetts and the frontier towns towards Canada. During this time Massachusetts claimed nearly all of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont as part of her territory, and sustained garrisons along the Connecticut river, in townships that had been granted by that Province, to protect their frontier. These forts were at Number Four, or Charlestown; Great Meadow, or Westmoreland; Great Falls, or Walpole; Fort Dummer, or Hinsdale; Upper Ashuelot, or Keene; and Lower Ashuelot, or Swanzey. In order to transport the munitions of war with the troops through the wilderness to these frontier forts, it would seem that roads for wheeled vehicles would be necessary and constructed. That such a road was made through this section of territory is undoubtedly true, although there is no record of it, only what has been handed down by tradition, therefore it is impossible to state the time it was built or the exact location, although its general direction can be given. It is quite probable that this road, or that portion of it in Massachusetts,

was built about 1735, starting from the vicinity of Fitchburg, Mass., passing through Ashburnham, into Winchendon. As the first settlement in this region was made about 1760, this part of the road must have been made at a later date, or else the first settler must have taken the trail from what had been the road some fifteen or twenty years previously.

The uncertainty of the location is due to the reason that, in succeeding years, wherever the road did not meet the wants of the people as a public highway, it soon went out of use, and wherever it did it was maintained like all other town roads, and soon its history became lost.

From Winchendon, it is believed that a branch extended in a westerly direction, passing through the southwestern corner of Fitzwilliam into Richmond, and continuing on to Fort Dummer. The other branch, and most important one, taking a northwesterly direction, passing through the entire length of Fitzwilliam, proceeded onward to Number Four, or Charlestown.

The Fitzwilliam historian says that in 1871 he easily traced the road for a considerable distance through the northwest section of the town, and that it was located a short distance west of the former residence of Gilbert C. Bemis, burned a few years since, and proceeding northerly, passed east of Rockwood pond and west of the present traveled highway. The track was grown up with trees, and some of them of very large size, but the sluices made across the water courses were standing as they were built, one hundred and fifty years ago. From the point above named it proceeded in a northerly course to Troy village, and taking a northeasterly direction, passed near the present residence of John Tatro, and on over the hill near the old Clark place into Swanzey.

It is highly probable that this road was continued on

through Vermont, and was used for the transportation of troops and supplies from Massachusetts and New Hampshire during the Revolutionary War for the military operations that took place in the Lake Champlain region.

One of the older inhabitants of the town once remarked to the writer that undoubtedly some of the powder used in fighting the battle of Bennington was transported over this road.

#### POST OFFICE.

The records of the Post Office Department show that a post office was not established in Troy until about nine years after the incorporation of the town, the majority of the inhabitants receiving their mail through the post office at Fitzwilliam, which was established in 1805. The Marlborough post office was not established until 1823, or a little more than a year previous to Troy, the people of that town getting their mail through the office at Keene.

A post office was established in Troy, March 10, 1824, and Daniel W. Farrar was appointed postmaster.

The following is a list of the persons who have held the office of postmaster, up to the present time, with the date of their commissions:

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Daniel W. Farrar,    | Mar. 10, 1824.  |
| Stephen Wheeler,     | April 9, 1825.  |
| Otis C. Whiton,      | Jan. 9, 1827.   |
| Brown Nurse,         | Feb. 27, 1836.  |
| David W. Farrar,     | Mar. 19, 1850.  |
| Edward P. Kimball,   | April 2, 1855.  |
| Charles W. Whitney,  | July 23, 1861.  |
| David W. Farrar,     | Dec. 17, 1864.  |
| Charles W. Whitney,  | Oct. 13, 1865.  |
| William G. Silsby,   | April 24, 1871. |
| Charles W. Whitney,  | April 27, 1874. |
| Warren W. Kimball,   | Aug. 25, 1885.  |
| Herbert P. Thompson, | July 12, 1897.  |

## FORMATION OF AN ENGINE COMPANY.

A fire engine company was incorporated in 1839, according to the following notice:

Be It Known, That Charles Coolidge, N. B. Rollins, Benj. F. Grosvenor and fifteen others, inhabitants of Troy, have associated themselves into a Company to be known by the name of Fire Engine Company, No. 1, in said Troy, agreeable to the Laws of the State of New Hampshire.

Troy, N. H., Feb'y 20, 1839.

WM. S. HUTCHINS, Clerk.

The names of the other members of the company cannot be given, because of the deficiency in the records.

In 1843, the company was composed of Edward Farrar, D. D. Foster, Edwin Buttrick, J. F. Craig, Stephen Starkey, William Marshall, Charles Coolidge, John Wheeler, Samuel G. Whitney, Charles Carpenter, Milton Frost, J. How, Isaac Aldrich, George Fairbanks, N. F. Newell, A. R. Ballou and Charles Patch.

The annual meeting was held at the engine hall, Jan. 2, 1843. After the roll had been called the company voted to adjourn to the tavern of Capt. Stephen Wheeler for thirty minutes, probably for refreshments, after which the following list of officers were chosen: William Marshall, Clerk; Charles Coolidge, Captain; D. D. Foster, First Steward; John Wheeler, Second Steward; S. G. Whitney, Charles Carpenter and Milton Frost, Standing Committee. George Fairbanks, A. R. Ballou, Stephen Starkey, Charles Patch and J. F. Craig were new members appointed at this meeting.

The by-laws required the members to meet once a month, and for failure to be present at the meeting, each absentee was subject to a fine of twenty-five cents, or twelve and one-half cents each roll call, and fifty cents when absent from a fire.

At the next annual meeting, Eri J. Spaulding, E. P. Kimball, N. Whitcomb and E. Wheeler became members.

The records do not show at what time the first engine was purchased, but it was probably soon after the formation of the company. This machine is one of the oldest fire engines in the United States. The date of its manufacture is unknown, but at the time it was purchased was considered a great improvement over anything used for such purposes. The machine can still be used for throwing water. It was made by the National Hydraulic Company of Proctorsville, Vt., a company which was organized in



OLD FIRE ENGINE.

1829. The body of the machine is about six and one-half feet in length and two and one-fourth feet wide. The tank which holds the water is at the back end of the apparatus and is about four and one-half feet in length, two feet wide, and fourteen inches deep. The pump is of the rotary pattern and is operated by two cranks a little over four feet in length, there being room for four or five men on each crank. There is no suction hose attached, and the water was drawn from wells, cisterns or other sources, and carried to the machine in buckets or pails; a double



row of men, women and children passing these from hand to hand to the engine; the empty buckets being returned to the water supply in the same manner. There is a reel on the front of the machine for carrying the hose to be attached to the pipe, and in the front part is a compartment for carrying such articles as desired. For years this engine was kept in a place prepared for it in the north end of the shed attached to the store of C. W. Whitney.

The old engine having been in use for twenty years or more, had become nearly obsolete, and a more modern machine was necessary for the suitable protection of property against fire, and the company took measures to procure one. They held a levee, or fair, Feb. 19, 1862, for the purpose of raising money to go toward purchasing a new engine, the proceeds of which amounted to one hundred and fifty-two dollars and twenty-four cents, individual members of the company subscribing in addition the sum of twenty-two dollars, making the total amount one hundred and seventy-four dollars and twenty-four cents. At the town meeting the following month, the town voted to raise a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be put with the sum already raised for the purchase of a fire engine and hose, and Henry A. Porter was chosen the agent of the town for this purpose, to act in conjunction with C. B. Wright, agent of the fire company.

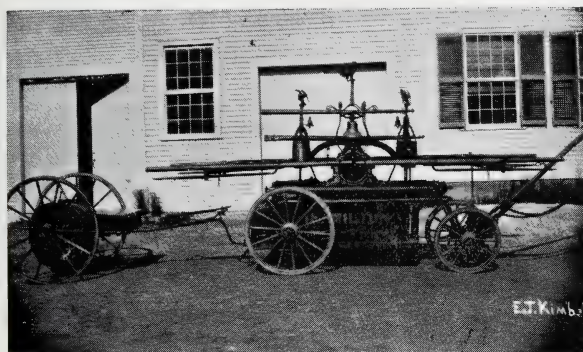
An engine was purchased of the city of Chelsea, Mass., as per the following report made by Agent Wright:

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|--|----------------|
| Paid City of Chelsea, for Hamilton, No. 4,   | \$150 00       |
| Fare to Boston and back,                     | 5 00           |
| Hotel bill and incidental expenses,          | 9 30           |
| Daniel W. Farrar, towards freight on engine, | 10 00          |
|  | <hr/> \$174 30 |

Troy, May 10th, 1862.

The number of members originally required for a full company was about twenty, but in 1863 the number was

increased to forty. Soon after the purchase of the new engine, the company adopted the name of Hamilton Fire Engine Company No. 1. With increased membership and a larger machine, new quarters became imperative, and in 1864 the company petitioned the selectmen to call a meeting, to see if the town would vote to build a new engine house. The town voted to take the north part of the lower portion of the town house for an engine room, appropriating three hundred dollars to defray the expense



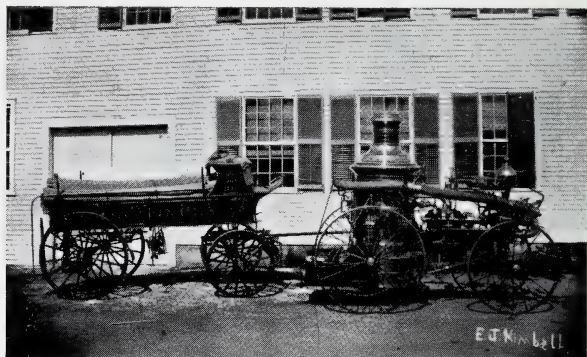
HAMILTON FIRE ENGINE.

of putting the same in proper condition, under the direction of a committee composed of E. P. Kimball, Stephen B. Farrar and David Wheeler.

During the past fifteen years, the town suffered considerably from frequent fires, the largest and most severe of which occurred April 13, 1887, when the tannery of R. M. Silsby, the picture frame shop and a house and barn belonging to the Troy Blanket Mills, were destroyed, and other adjacent property saved only after a desperate fight by the fire department.

The engine company did excellent work with the old Hamilton machine, and the escape of the village from

serious destruction, led to a discussion of better protection against fires, and in 1891 the town appropriated eighteen hundred dollars for the purchase of a steam fire engine. The matter was put in the hands of a committee, consisting of the three first members of the board of firewards, John H. Bigelow, Asa C. Dort and Franklin Ripley. A modern steam fire engine was purchased and the succeeding year a suitable hose wagon was procured. The purchase of the steamer necessitated the formation of a new



MONADNOCK STEAMER AND HOSE WAGON.

company and Monadnock Steamer Company was organized. With the advent of the modern appliances for extinguishing fires the necessity for Hamilton Engine Company ceased to exist and the company was disbanded after a continuous existence of more than fifty years. In the fall of 1893, a hydrant was put in near the town hall, and a line of pipe laid connecting with the pipe system of the Troy Blanket Mills. The water supply is obtained from the stream which passes through the center of the village and from numerous large reservoirs in different parts of the village.

With the modern apparatus and an efficient company

of firemen for the proper handling of the same, and an abundant supply of water which can be carried to all parts of the village, but few towns of the size of Troy have as good protection against conflagration.

#### FREEMASONS.

Freemasonry was established for the purpose of fraternal deeds of charity and benevolence, and has been cherished and perpetuated by a united brotherhood through centuries, until it has spread over the whole world.

When the pioneers of our country emigrated to America and established their colonies on our shores, there were laid the foundations of a great nation which was to insure social, religious and political freedom. Through all the vicissitudes and adverse circumstances of social and political revolutions the fraternity survived.

Churches and schools were in turn followed by Masonic lodges and halls set apart for their accommodation duly consecrated. Some of these lodges were chartered by the Grand Lodge of England, and others by the Mother Kilwinning Grand Lodge of Scotland. When independence was declared, a large number of citizens were Freemasons, and the order flourished in a land where there was liberty of thought and freedom of conscience; where the happiness of the human race was to be perpetuated through the tenets of "brotherly love, relief and truth."

After independence was secured, grand lodges were formed in all the original states and the order grew and prospered. In the sparsely settled regions, the membership in a lodge of Freemasons was a tie that was highly appreciated, and the history of the public men of those early times show that the mutual claims of "brother Masons" had a prominent part in politics. The assertion that one William Morgan had been abducted and drowned



because he had revealed the secrets of the order, raised a storm of anti-masonry in 1826 that swept over the country.

For political purposes, outrageous falsehoods and the most absurd statements regarding Freemasonry were circulated, and members of the order of the highest respectability declared in vain that they had taken no obligation conflicting with their duties to God, their country, to society or themselves; but were obliged to succumb before the storm of political persecution and hundreds of lodges were temporarily closed. But after a few years had elapsed, Freemasonry, true to itself and its principles, arose purified and regenerated, and resumed the discharge of its duties. Anti-masonry as a separate political force came to an end after the presidential election of 1832.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire chartered July 23, 1806, Charity Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., which was located at Fitzwilliam, and at the institution of the lodge the following officers were installed:

Joshua Harrington, Worshipful Master.  
Joseph Winch, Senior Warden.  
David (Daniel, probably) Farrar, Junior Warden.  
Benjamin Bemis, Jr., Treasurer.  
Joseph Carter, Secretary.  
Benoni Shurtleff, Senior Deacon.  
Edward Perkins, Junior Deacon.  
Alexander Foster, Steward.  
Josiah Goldsmith, Tyler.  
Benjamin Bemis, Representative to Grand Lodge.  
Joseph Carter, Proxy.

Of these persons, Joshua Harrington and Daniel Farrar were residents of Troy. Joshua Harrington was Master of the lodge in 1808 and 1812-13.

The lodge was located in Swanzy in 1817-18, then moved to Troy, where it remained until 1826, when it was returned to Fitzwilliam. It remained in Fitzwilliam



until 1847, when it was removed to Jaffrey. It is now located at East Jaffrey. William Barnard, a resident of Troy, was one of the first Masons made in Charity Lodge. Members were admitted from these and adjoining towns and the lodge had about sixty members.

Quite a large number of the residents of Troy were made Masons in Charity Lodge after it was located in Jaffrey, and finding it inconvenient to go so far to attend the meetings, a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for the formation of a lodge in Troy, and a charter was granted to Monadnock Lodge No. 80, F. & A. M., June 13, 1866. The petitioners, who became the charter members, were John Clement, E. P. Kimball, A. G. Hurlbutt, Elliott Whitcomb, Amos J. Blake, D. M. Farrar, Silas Cummings, Abner Gage, J. J. Allen, Robert McDonald, Amos Gurnsey, A. B. Gates, A. J. Aldrich, Daniel B. Woodward, A. F. Boyce, Wm. G. Silsby and Lemuel W. Brown.

The lodge was constituted, consecrated, and its officers installed, Aug. 23, 1866, by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, under the direction and supervision of District Deputy Grand Master Edward Gustine of Keene, Bro. R. H. Porter of Keene performing the duties of Grand Master. The following are the names of those installed as officers:

John Clement, Worshipful Master.

Silas Cummings, Senior Warden.

Amos J. Blake, Junior Warden.

Elliott Whitcomb, Treasurer.

Albert G. Hurlbutt, Secretary.

William Butler, Senior Deacon.

Enoch S. Aldrich, Junior Deacon.

A. B. Gates, Senior Steward.

Abner Gage, Junior Steward.

Lemuel W. Brown, Tyler.

J. T. Collins, Marshal.

## MAY, 1867.

| Elected.                     | Appointed.                 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| John Clement, W. M.          | C. W. Whitney, S. D.       |
| Amos J. Blake, S. W.         | E. S. Aldrich, J. D.       |
| Reuben Pratt, J. W.          | Rev. Ira Bailey, Chaplain. |
| Elliott Whitcomb, T.         | Amos Gurnsey, Tyler.       |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, S.           | A. B. Gates, S. S.         |
| C. W. Whitney, Rep. to G. L. | Abner Gage, J. S.          |

## 1868.

| Elected.             | Appointed.                 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| John Clement, W. M.  | Rev. Ira Bailey, Chaplain. |
| Amos J. Blake, S. W. | Gustavus Lucke, S. D.      |
| Reuben Pratt, J. D.  | L. D. Pease, J. D.         |
| Elliott Whitcomb, T. | L. W. Brown, Marshal.      |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, S.   | A. J. Aldrich, S. S.       |
|                      | Abner Gage, J. S.          |
|                      | A. B. Gates, Tyler.        |

## 1869.

| Elected.                   | Appointed.                 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| John Clement, W. M.        | Rev. Ira Bailey, Chaplain. |
| C. W. Whitney, S. W.       | L. D. Pease, S. D.         |
| William Butler, J. W.      | Elbridge Cummings, J. D.   |
| Abner Gage, T.             | Wyman S. White, Marshal.   |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, S.         | O. S. Adams, S. S.         |
| A. J. Blake, Rep. to G. L. | R. M. Silsby, J. S.        |
|                            | D. C. Fassett, Tyler.      |

## 1870.

| Elected.                    | Appointed.               |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Charles W. Whitney, W. M.   | E. S. Aldrich, S. D.     |
| Wm. Butler, S. W.           | R. M. Silsby, J. D.      |
| Reuben Pratt, J. W.         | W. S. White, Marshal.    |
| Abner Gage, T.              | A. J. Aldrich, S. S.     |
| Wm. G. Silsby, S.           | D. C. Fassett, J. S.     |
| John Clement, Rep. to G. L. | Elliott Whitcomb, Tyler. |

## 1871.

| Elected.                  | Appointed.              |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| C. W. Whitney, W. M.      | R. M. Silsby, S. D.     |
| Wm. Butler, S. W.         | Chas. D. Farrar, J. D.  |
| R. Pratt, J. W.           | W. S. White, Marshal.   |
| A. Gage, T.               | A. J. Aldrich, S. S.    |
| W. G. Silsby, S.          | Lucian K. Warden, J. S. |
| J. Clement, Rep. to G. L. | E. H. Streeter, Tyler.  |

1872.

| Elected.                     | Appointed.              |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wm. Butler, W. M.            | J. J. Allen, Chaplain.  |
| George A. Whittemore, S. W.  | C. D. Farrar, S. D.     |
| R. M. Silsby, J. W.          | Wm. J. Boyden, J. D.    |
| A. Gage, T.                  | W. S. White, M.         |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, S.           | Wm. H. Blanchard, S. S. |
| C. W. Whitney, Rep. to G. L. | Thomas H. Lewis, J. S.  |
|                              | E. H. Streeter, Tyler.  |

1873.

| Elected.                          | Appointed.               |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Wm. Butler, W. M.                 | J. J. Allen, Chaplain.   |
| R. M. Silsby, S. W.               | W. J. Boyden, S. D.      |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, J. W.             | E. H. Streeter, J. D.    |
| A. Gage, T.                       | Chas. B. Wright, M.      |
| G. A. Adams, S.                   | A. B. Gates, S. S.       |
| Geo. A. Whittemore, Rep. to G. L. | Stephen A. Wright, J. S. |
|                                   | J. A. Tupper, Tyler.     |

1874.

| Elected.                  | Appointed.                |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| R. M. Silsby, W. M.       | Wm. G. Silsby, S. D.      |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, S. W.     | James E. Louby, J. D.     |
| W. J. Boyden, J. W.       | Anson G. Beebe, Chaplain. |
| A. Gage, T.               | Albert E. Ingalls, S. S.  |
| Chas. E. Kimball, S.      | Lester K. Stiles, J. S.   |
| Wm. Butler, Rep. to G. L. | D. C. Fassett, M.         |
|                           | Benj. F. Clark, Tyler.    |

1875.

| Elected.                | Appointed.             |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| R. M. Silsby, W. M.     | W. G. Silsby, S. D.    |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, S. W.   | James E. Louby, J. D.  |
| Wm. J. Boyden, J. W.    | A. G. Beebe, Chaplain. |
| C. E. Kimball, S.       | A. E. Ingalls, S. S.   |
| A. Gage, T.             | L. K. Stiles, J. S.    |
| R. Pratt, Rep. to G. L. | D. C. Fassett, M.      |
|                         | B. F. Clark, Tyler.    |

1876.

| Elected.             | Appointed.            |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| C. W. Whitney, W. M. | Wm. Butler, S. D.     |
| W. J. Boyden, S. W.  | Geo. W. Willis, J. D. |

## Elected.

W. G. Silsby, J. W.  
 A. Gage T.  
 Henry W. Farrar, S.  
 A. G. Hurlbutt, Rep. to G. L.

## Appointed.

A. E. Ingalls, S. S.  
 B. F. Clark, J. S.  
 L. W. Brown, Chaplain.  
 A. J. Tupper, Tyler.

## 1877.

## Elected.

Wm. J. Boyden, W. M.  
 W. G. Silsby, S. W.  
 G. W. Willis, J. W.  
 L. W. Brown, T.  
 H. W. Farrar, S.  
 C. W. Whitney, Rep. to G. L.

## Appointed.

Wm. Butler, S. D.  
 Solon H. Lane, J. D.  
 D. C. Fassett, M.  
 A. B. Gates, Tyler.

## 1878.

## Elected.

W. G. Silsby, W. M.  
 G. W. Willis, S. W.  
 A. E. Ingalls, J. W.  
 L. W. Brown, T.  
 H. W. Farrar, S.  
 W. J. Boyden, Rep. to the G. L.

## Appointed.

Wm. Butler, S. D.  
 S. H. Lane, J. D.  
 R. M. Silsby, Chaplain.  
 L. K. Stiles, S. S.  
 W. H. Blanchard, J. S.  
 C. D. Farrar, M.  
 A. B. Gates, Tyler.

## 1879.

## Elected.

W. G. Silsby, W. M.  
 G. W. Willis, S. W.  
 C. D. Farrar, J. W.  
 L. W. Brown, T.  
 H. W. Farrar, S.  
 W. J. Boyden, Rep. to G. L.

## Appointed.

Solon H. Lane, S. D.  
 A. B. Gates, Tyler.

## 1880.

## Elected.

G. W. Willis, W. M.  
 C. D. Farrar, S. W.  
 H. W. Farrar, J. W.  
 L. W. Brown, T.  
 A. G. Hurlbutt, S.  
 W. G. Silsby, Rep. to G. L.

## Appointed.

Wm. Butler, Chaplain.  
 Chester L. Lane, S. D.  
 Walter F. Page, J. D.  
 D. C. Fassett, M.  
 B. F. Clark, S. S.  
 Geo. E. Lane, J. S.  
 A. B. Gates, Tyler.

1881.

| Elected.                    | Appointed.              |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| G. W. Willis, W. M.         | C. L. Lane, S. D.       |
| C. D. Farrar, S. W.         | G. E. Lane, J. D.       |
| H. W. Farrar, J. W.         | B. F. Clark, S. S.      |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, S.          | J. M. Ramsdell, J. S.   |
| L. W. Brown, T.             | R. M. Silsby, Chaplain. |
| R. M. Silsby, Rep. to G. L. | Don C. Taft, M.         |
|                             | D. C. Fassett, Tyler.   |

1882.

| Elected.                    | Appointed.              |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| C. D. Farrar, W. M.         | G. E. Lane, S. D.       |
| H. W. Farrar, S. W.         | M. T. Stone, J. D.      |
| C. L. Lane, J. W.           | B. F. Clark, S. S.      |
| L. W. Brown, T.             | J. M. Ramsdell, J. S.   |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, S.          | R. M. Silsby, Chaplain. |
| G. W. Willis, Rep. to G. L. | D. C. Fassett, Tyler.   |

1883.

| Elected.                  | Appointed.              |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| C. D. Farrar, W. M.       | M. T. Stone, S. D.      |
| C. L. Lane, S. W.         | Henry L. Barnard, J. D. |
| G. E. Lane, J. W.         | R. M. Silsby, Chaplain. |
| W. J. Boyden, T.          | Wm. Butler, M.          |
| Wm. Butler, Rep. to G. L. | D. C. Fassett, Tyler.   |

1884.

| Elected.                    | Appointed.                |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| C. L. Lane, W. M.           | C. Marcellus Lane, S. D.  |
| G. E. Lane, S. W.           | C. W. Whitney, Jr., J. D. |
| M. T. Stone, J. W.          | R. M. Silsby, Chaplain.   |
| W. J. Boyden, T.            | A. C. Dort, M.            |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, S.          | Fred C. Lincoln, S. S.    |
| C. D. Farrar, Rep. to G. L. | Arthur A. Woodward, J. S. |
|                             | A. S. Mahon, Tyler.       |

1885.

| Elected.                  | Appointed.                |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| G. E. Lane, W. M.         | C. W. Whitney, Jr., S. D. |
| M. T. Stone, S. W.        | A. A. Woodward, J. D.     |
| C. M. Lane, J. W.         | A. C. Dort, Chaplain.     |
| W. J. Boyden, T.          | L. H. Burnham, S. S.      |
| A. G. Hurlbutt, S.        | Geo. W. Mason, J. S.      |
| C. L. Lane, Rep. to G. L. | Wm. Butler, M.            |
|                           | A. S. Mahon, Tyler.       |



## 1886.

## Elected.

M. T. Stone, W. M.  
 C. M. Lane, S. W.  
 C. W. Whitney, Jr., J. W.  
 W. J. Boyden, T.  
 A. S. Mahon, S.  
 G. E. Lane, Rep. to G. L.

## Appointed.

Fred S. Schnell, S. D.  
 J. M. Ramsdell, J. D.  
 A. C. Dort, Chaplain.  
 C. D. Farrar, M.  
 Geo. W. Mason, S. S.  
 C. H. Applin, J. S.  
 D. C. Fassett, Tyler.

## 1887.

## Elected.

M. T. Stone, W. M.  
 C. M. Lane, S. W.  
 C. W. Whitney, Jr., J. W.  
 W. J. Boyden, T.  
 A. S. Mahon, S.  
 A. S. Mahon, Rep. to G. L.

## Appointed.

F. S. Schnell, S. D.  
 J. M. Ramsdell, J. D.  
 A. C. Dort, Chaplain.  
 G. W. Mason, S. S.  
 C. H. Applin, J. S.  
 C. D. Farrar, M.  
 L. W. Brown, Tyler.

## 1888.

## Elected.

M. T. Stone, W. M.  
 C. M. Lane, S. W.  
 C. W. Whitney, Jr., J. W.  
 W. J. Boyden, T.  
 A. S. Mahon, S.  
 G. W. Mason, Rep. to G. L.

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 G. W. Mason, S. S.  
 C. H. Applin, J. S.  
 C. D. Farrar, M.  
 C. W. Whitney, Tyler.

## 1889.

## Elected.

C. M. Lane, W. M.  
 C. W. Whitney, Jr., S. D.  
 F. S. Schnell, J. W.  
 W. J. Boyden, T.  
 A. S. Mahon, S.  
 M. T. Stone, Rep. to G. L.

## Appointed.

J. M. Ramsdell, S. D.  
 Frank S. Harris, J. D.  
 A. C. Dort, Chaplain.  
 Geo. A. Starkey, S. S.  
 Herbert A. Marshall, J. S.  
 H. M. Whittemore, M.  
 G. W. Mason, Tyler.

## 1890.

## Elected.

C. M. Lane, W. M.  
 F. S. Schnell, S. W.  
 J. M. Ramsdell, J. W.

## Appointed.

F. S. Harris, S. D.  
 Geo. A. Starkey, J. D.  
 A. C. Dort, Chaplain.

Elected.  
 W. J. Boyden, T.  
 A. S. Mahon, S.  
 M. T. Stone, Rep. to G. L.

Appointed.  
 H. A. Marshall, S. S.  
 Herbert D. Gee, J. S.  
 H. M. Whittemore, M.  
 Edgar M. Thompson, Tyler.

1891.

Elected.  
 F. S. Schnell, W. M.  
 J. M. Ramsdell, S. W.  
 F. S. Harris, J. W.  
 W. J. Boyden, T.  
 A. S. Mahon, S.  
 C. M. Lane, Rep. to G. L.

Appointed.  
 G. A. Starkey, S. D.  
 G. W. Mason, J. D.  
 H. M. Whittemore, Chaplain.  
 H. A. Marshall, S. S.  
 H. D. Gee, J. S.  
 E. M. Thompson, M.  
 D. C. Fassett, Tyler.

1892.

Elected.  
 F. S. Schnell, W. M.  
 J. M. Ramsdell, S. W.  
 H. L. Barnard, J. W.  
 W. J. Boyden, T.  
 A. S. Mahon, S.  
 M. T. Stone, Rep. to G. L.

Appointed.  
 G. A. Starkey, S. D.  
 G. W. Mason, J. D.  
 H. M. Whittemore, Chaplain.  
 Edwin B. Dort, S. S.  
 A. A. Woodward, J. S.  
 C. D. Farrar, M.  
 D. C. Fassett, Tyler.

1893.

Elected.  
 J. M. Ramsdell, W. M.  
 H. L. Barnard, S. W.  
 G. W. Mason, J. W.  
 W. J. Boyden, T.  
 E. B. Dort, S.  
 F. S. Schnell, Rep. to G. L.

Appointed.  
 H. M. Whittemore, S. D.  
 A. A. Woodward, J. D.  
 A. C. Dort, Chaplain.  
 H. A. Marshall, S. S.  
 Chas. H. Applin, J. S.  
 C. W. Whitney, M.  
 H. L. Bryant, Acting Tyler.

1894.

Elected.  
 J. M. Ramsdell, W. M.  
 H. L. Barnard, S. W.  
 G. W. Mason, J. W.  
 W. J. Boyden, T.  
 E. B. Dort, S.  
 A. A. Woodward, Rep. to G. L.

Appointed.  
 H. M. Whittemore, S. D.  
 A. A. Woodward, J. D.  
 A. C. Dort, Chaplain.  
 H. A. Marshall, S. S.  
 C. H. Applin, J. S.  
 M. T. Stone, M.  
 H. L. Bryant, Acting Tyler.

## PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

Trojan Grange No. 157, P. of H., was organized Dec. 13, 1890, with the following charter members and officers:

|                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Henry M. Whittemore, Master.      | George W. Mason, Secretary.        |
| Carlos M. Barnard, Overseer.      | John H. Congdon, Gate-keeper.      |
| Charles W. Brown, Lecturer.       | Jane S. Congdon, Pomona.           |
| Frank H. Lewis, Steward.          | Lillian E. Lewis, Flora.           |
| Alvah S. Clark, Chaplain.         | Jennie G. Whittemore, Ceres.       |
| George A. Starkey, Asst. Steward. | Alice Starkey, Lady Asst. Steward. |
| Edward P. Kimball, Treasurer.     |                                    |

The following have served as Master of Trojan Grange: Henry M. Whittemore, John H. Congdon, Carlos M. Barnard, Hiram W. Eastman.

## REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT.

In the fall of 1888, Joseph W. Raymond of Keene purchased of James L. Stanley, the old muster field, so-called because it was upon this level tract of land that the old time regimental musters were held. In those days these musters were an important event which was looked forward to with pleasure, and for weeks preceding would be the theme of conversation. Everybody went to the muster; the soldier to perform his duty; his wife to admire him; his children to eat gingerbread and candy; to drink egg-nog and explode firecrackers; peddlers to hawk their wares, and showmen to exhibit their curiosities, the climax of the whole being the sham battle between rival regiments.

This tract of land had frequently been spoken of as a desirable one for building lots, and Mr. Raymond had the same surveyed and laid out into lots with a street through the center, the town voting to lay out a highway in conformity with the same in the spring of 1889. Mr. Thomas A. Birtwhistle was the first to buy a lot and build a house, being soon followed by others, until there are now

twelve houses containing about twenty-two tenements, besides the new schoolhouse which stands at the head of the street. A few years later he purchased of Mrs. Sarah Brown a part of the Spaulding farm, a portion of which he put into building lots, and upon this tract there have been built three houses. To Mr. Raymond's energy and



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perseverance the town is indebted for the many improvements in this direction.

About 1889, Marcus V. Damon built a house on the lot near the Blanding sawmill, and a new highway was laid out to the same.

In 1895, Freeman Abbott built two houses on land bought of E. P. Kimball, near the railroad and south of the brickyard, and the following year a highway was laid out to reach them.

During the past eight years there have been built about forty-six houses in different parts of the village, containing from one to four tenements each.

The building occupied by E. P. Kimball & Son was built by S. G. Whitney about 1842, but has been owned

and kept as a store by Mr. Kimball since 1846. Until within a few years, E. P. Kimball and C. W. Whitney were the only dealers in general merchandise in town. In 1895, Ernest F. Barrett of Swanzey opened a store in a building which was erected by Mrs. Sarah Brown near the railroad bridge and on the opposite side of the street. Elbridge Howe carries on a small newspaper and periodical business, and Herbert P. Thompson deals in boots, shoes and medicines, in a building erected a few years since between Mrs. Sarah Brown's and the hotel.



## Genealogical Register.

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The preparation of the following genealogies has entailed considerable labor, many letters have been written and much time spent in searching records. So far as possible, information has been solicited direct from the families themselves or some representative, and in nearly every instance prompt and full replies have been received.

Where information could not be obtained from private sources it has been taken from the genealogies that have been published in the histories of the adjoining towns, and especially those of Marlborough and Fitzwilliam.

It has been the object of the compiler to make the record as full, complete and accurate as possible, although it is not to be presumed it is free from errors.

In many cases where the family records give only the births, marriages and deaths, further details concerning the individual will be found in other portions of the work, either in the list of town officers, biographical sketches or the records of the soldiers in the Revolutionary War or the War of the Rebellion.

MOSES ABARE was born in Canada; came to Troy about 1872 or 1873 and settled on the Asa Nurse place; married, May, 1865, Celinda Ladderbush.

- I. CELINA, born Aug. 26, 1866; married Elmer L. Whiting; resides in Fitchburg.
- II. MOSES.
- III. EDWARD.
- IV. NELSON, married, July 29, 1895, Hattie Marrotte.
- V. CLARA, born April 13, 1873.
- VI. AGNES, born Aug. 29, 1875.

- VII. JOSEPH; born Nov. 6, 1876.
- VIII. HENRY, born April 29, 1878.
- IX. LOUIS, born May 23, 1879; died June 17, 1879.
- X. ZOE, born Sept. 27, 1880.
- XI. PHEBE, born Feb. 24, 1882.
- XII. JOHN, born Dec. 15, 1885.
- XIII. LOUIS, born March 28, 1887.

ALONZO B. ABBOTT, born in Hancock, Me., May 10, 1860; married, May 10, 1882, Etta, daughter of Franklin and Eliza P. (Brooks) Whitcomb.

- I. CLARA ELZINA, born April 27, 1886.
- II. ELSIE REBECCA, born Nov. 23, 1887.
- III. JAMES FRANKLIN, born July 25, 1889.
- IV. RUBIE AGNES, born Oct. 22, 1892.
- V. DON BRADFORD, born June 16, 1896.

NEHEMIAH ADAMS came from Ipswich, Mass., about 1820, and settled in Jaffrey; married Lydia C. Benjamin; had eight children. Mr. Adams was a member of the state convention for the revision of the constitution in 1850. He died Aug. 10, 1853, aged 53; Mrs. Adams died in Troy, June 20, 1886, aged 78.

- I. AUGUSTUS A., born Aug. 4, 1829, at Hartford, Vt; married Mary, daughter of William and Sarah White Haskell; resides in Winchendon, Mass.
- II. GEORGE A., born Nov. 24, 1831; married, Oct. 5, 1852, Josephine Maria, born Oct. 10, 1836, daughter of Luther and Caroline Cutter of Jaffrey.
- III. OSCAR N., born Dec. 15, 1833; married, Oct. 31, 1855, Lucy Jane Johnson. He died in Troy, Oct. 5, 1860.
- IV. ISAAC MILTON, born April 20, 1835; married Charlotte S. Allen, June 2, 1858; died in Cavendish, Vt., June 28, 1860. Had one son, *George Augustus*, born June 3, 1859; died March 15, 1880.
- V. HELEN L., born Nov. 5, 1838; married, 1st, George E. Aldrich, June 11, 1858; married, 2d, Edward S. Foster, Nov. 1, 1878.
- VI. OREN S., born April 1, 1840; married Anna M. Starkey, Feb. 2, 1865.
- VII. CHARLES W., born March 11, 1843. Served in Co. A, Second Regt., N. H. V.; resides in Salina, Kansas.
- VIII. ABBIE FRANCES, born April 25, 1845; married Charles H. Streeter; died Dec. 13, 1868.

GEORGE A. ADAMS, son of Nehemiah and Lydia C. (Benjamin) Adams, born in Jaffrey, Nov. 24, 1831; married, 1st, Oct. 5, 1852, Josephine Maria, born Oct. 5, 1836, daughter of Luther and Caroline Cutter of Jaffrey;

she died March 23, 1890; married, 2d, Mrs. Mary A. Brown, May 15, 1892.

- I. MINNETTA F., born Sept. 16, 1855; married James L. Stanley, June 20, 1876.
- II. CARRIE A., born Jan. 30, 1859; married, Dec. 24, 1885, Fred F. Page, born July 24, 1860; resides in Keene. One child, *Harry A. Page*, born in Troy, Nov. 25, 1886.
- III. ANNA L., born March 26, 1865; married, June 2, 1890, Murray J. Bliss, born Nov. 30, 1865; resides in Keene.
- IV. ALICE J., born in Sanford, Me., Nov. 24, 1867; married, Dec. 25, 1889, F. Eugene Bowen, born Oct. 28, 1865; resides in Keene. One child, *Richard A. Bowen*, born Nov. 2, 1891.

AUGUSTUS A. ADAMS, son of Nehemiah, born Aug. 4, 1829; married, Sept. 25, 1855, Mary, daughter of William and Sarah (White) Haskell; resides in Winchendon, Mass.

- I. CHARLES, born Oct. 29, 1856; married, 1st, Oct. 29, 1877, Hattie Chandler of Winchendon, who died; and he married, 2d, Jan. 4, 1892, Josie Hartwell of Gardner; resides in Gardner. One child, *Bernice*, born March 16, 1878.

OREN S. ADAMS, son of Nehemiah and Lydia C. (Benjamin) Adams, was born April 1, 1844; he married, Feb. 2, 1865, Anna M., daughter of Bailey and Betsey (Clark) Starkey, born May 21, 1848. Mrs. Adams died Jan. 14, 1897.

- I. MINNIE GERTRUDE, born March 22, 1868.
- II. WILBUR CLEMENT, born July 25, 1872; married, Feb. 14, 1895, Flora B. Tenney of Marlborough, born Aug. 19, 1872.
- III. WALTER BAILEY, born Nov. 29, 1876; died Dec. 26, 1878.

EDWARD F. ADAMS, son of Isaac and Adela (Perkins) Adams of Jaffrey, born May 25, 1825, came to Troy Dec., 1881; he married, 1st, Feb. 28, 1853, Sarah H., daughter of George and Louisa (Jones) Harvey of Marlborough; she died Aug. 17, 1859; married, 2d, Dec. 25, 1860, Rebecca J., daughter of Jonathan and Melinda Hill of Swanzey.

- I. JOHN QUINCY, born in Marlborough, June 18, 1858.
- II. EUGENE ELMER, born in Chittenden, Vt., Oct. 27, 1865; died March 21, 1867.
- III. WINFIELD SCOTT, born in Swanzey, May 1, 1868; married, May 10, 1887, Katie Isabell, daughter of John H. and Ann (Robertson) Kimball of Marlborough.

- IV. EVA JENNIE, born in Bellows Falls, June 15, 1870; died July 28, 1878.
- V. ORVILLE EDWARD, born in Bellows Falls, March 17, 1872; died Aug. 12, 1872.
- VI. GERTRUDE MAY, born in Brattleboro, June 30, 1873.
- VII. MORRIS E., born April 19, 1877.

ELIJAH H. ADAMS, son of Elijah, was born in Keene, Nov. 26, 1826; married, Sept. 19, 1848, Luthera, born Aug. 18, 1827, daughter of Silas Howe of Swanzey.

- I. MARION A., born Feb. 18, 1850; married, June 2, 1869, Marvin D. Lewis.
- II. CHARLES L., born Dec. 15, 1851; married, Dec. 15, 1880, Julia E. Caldwell of Ryegate, Vt., where they now live.
- III. LYDIA A., born March 25, 1854; married, Oct. 30, 1877, William S. Blair of Springfield, Mass.
- IV. SARAH M., born March 27, 1856; married, March 21, 1883, Horace W. Baker of Warwick, Mass., where they now reside.
- V. ULEYETTA C., born April 2, 1858.
- VI. JOHN, born Oct. 19, 1860; died in Troy, March 14, 1862.
- VII. SUSAN E., born Jan. 6, 1863; married, Dec. 24, 1889, Fred E. Whitcomb.

ISAAC ALDRICH came to Troy in 1830 and settled on the farm south of the Morse tavern, formerly the residence of Peter Starkey, Jr. He was the son of Ananias Aldrich, a native of Mendon, Mass., who settled in Richmond at an early period, where most of his children were born. He was born April 9, 1777, and married Abigail, daughter of Levi Aldrich of Richmond, March 12, 1801, and resided a short time in Richmond, then moved to New York, and from there to Pennsylvania, in each of which places he stopped one or two years, then returned to Richmond, from which town he came to Troy. After residing on five or six different farms, he came to the village in 1844 and resided with his son Isaac. Mrs. Aldrich died Aug. 21, 1858; he died Nov. 24, 1863.

- I. DAVID, born Aug. 10, 1801; married Phebe Decker; lived in Pennsylvania where he died.
- II. ANANIAS, born April 2, 1803; married Mary Davis; was killed in Pennsylvania by blasting stone.
- III. JOEL, born Jan. 9, 1805; married Julia King; died in New York.
- IV. LOUISA, born Feb. 1, 1807; married William Marshall, Sept. 23, 1834; died in October.
- V. LEVI, born Feb. 23, 1809; married Mary McCarty.

- VI. SOPHRONIA, born Feb. 25, 1811; married, Nov. 1, 1832, James Capron; died April 3, 1871.
- VII. ABIGAIL, born Jan. 30, 1814; died March 25, 1838.
- VIII. ISAAC, born March 11, 1817; married, Aug. 29, 1839, Abigail Ann, daughter of Pelatiah M. and Abigail (Carter) Everett of Fitzwilliam; died July 30, 1882.
- IX. JUDITH E., born May 22, 1819; married, Dec. 10, 1848, Benjamin F. Perry of Keene; died Jan. 24, 1884. Mr. Perry died July 16, 1887.
- X. JULIUS C., born June 6, 1822; married Catherine Wood; died July 21, 1855.
- XI. JOSEPH E., born Jan. 29, 1828.

ISAAC ALDRICH, JR., son of Isaac, born March 11, 1817; married, Aug. 29, 1839, Abigail Ann, born March 17, 1821, daughter of Pelatiah M. and Abigail (Carter) Everett of Fitzwilliam. Mr. Aldrich was a blacksmith and carriage maker, and for a few years after his marriage he lived in Fitzwilliam and worked at carriage making. Afterwards he returned to Troy and occupied the Bush house, now owned by C. H. Gove, a short time; then in company with his brother, Julius C., he built the brick house now owned by Mrs. Polly Bemis and Simeon Merrifield. He was at one time deputy sheriff. Mrs. Aldrich died Feb. 11, 1878; he died July 30, 1882.



ISAAC ALDRICH, JR.

- I. GEORGE E., born June 11, 1840; married, June 11, 1858, Helen L., daughter of Nehemiah and Lydia C. (Benjamin) Adams; married, 2d, —; died Jan. 21, 1895. Children: 1. *George M.*, born June 11, 18—; 2. *Harry A.*, born Oct. 25, 18—; 3. *Arthur W.*, born Feb. 21, 18—.



AMASA ALDRICH, son of Nahum, of Richmond, bought the Whitcomb farm of Abel Baker, in 1828, and located here with his family. He was born in 1799; married, 1st, Aug. 25, 1816, Susanna, daughter of Samuel Thompson of Swanzey; married, 2d, April 24, 1825, Anna, daughter of Benjamin Tolman.

I. ANGELINE, born Feb. 26, 1827; died April 11, 1851.

II. ANDREW J., born Nov. 13, 1829.

ANDREW J. ALDRICH, son of Amasa, was born Nov. 13, 1829; married, Oct. 15, 1851, Sarah W., daughter of Abel and Martha (Fuller) Garfield, who died Jan. 21, 1891. In April, 1874, he moved to Keene, buying out the restaurant at the depot, which he conducted until about 1892 or 1893, when he retired from business and went to Bellows Falls to live with his son. He was overseer of the poor for Ward 5, Keene, for two years, and also held the office of justice of the peace.

I. FRANK W., born in Marlborough, Jan. 31, 1853.

II. HERBERT D., born March 4, 1857.

III. ANGELINE A., born June 1, 1860; died April 25, 1862.

IV. CARROLL, born Oct. 8, 1862; married, Oct. 19, 1887, Helena S. Divaul of Nelson, who was born Nov. 21, 1861.

FRANK W. ALDRICH, son of Andrew J., was born Jan. 31, 1853; married, 1st, Dec. 25, 1872, Emma J. Clement, born in Royalston, Mass., July 20, 1851; died in Troy, June 24, 1881; married, 2d, Cora F. Town, born in Rindge, Jan. 24, 1866; died May 12, 1885; married, 3d, Aug. 16, 1887, Margaret A. Becker, born in Port Dover, Ont., July 26, 1861; resides in Athol, Mass.

I. BURNICE C., born Oct. 14, 1873; died Oct. 5, 1886.

II. —, born May 24, 1877; died June 18, 1877.

III. CARRIE G., born Sept. 21, 1880.

HERBERT D. ALDRICH, son of Andrew J., born March 4, 1857; married, Nov. 3, 1880, Mina J., daughter of Anderson and Almira (Ballou) Aldrich of Swanzey, born Nov. 8, 1860. Mr. Aldrich has been the proprietor of the depot restaurant at Bellows Falls since 1887.

I. LOTTIE E., born Nov. 1, 1883.

GEORGE HERMAN ALDRICH, son of Amasa, of Swanzey, born in Swanzey, May 30, 1833; married, Oct. 3,

1853, Hannah, born Jan. 20, 1832, daughter of Alvah Thompson of Swanzy. For a few years after his marriage he lived in Wisconsin, living a pioneer's life, engaged in farming and teaching. He came to Troy and settled on West Hill, farming for a few years, when he moved to the village, purchasing the A. W. Baker place where he lived, having an office and doing an extensive business in Keene as an insurance agent, to which place he removed in 1889.

- I. WALTON HERMAN, born July 2, 1854; married, Oct. 3, 1879, Eliza J. Wilder of Peterborough. Is a practicing physician in Marlborough.
- II. HERBERT CYREL, born Aug. 23, 1855; married, Aug. 6, 1878, Clara J. Cook.
- III. EDWIN THOMPSON, born Aug. 24, 1858; married.
- IV. EDITH LAVINIA, born Aug. 24, 1862.
- V. JOHN LANGDON, born Aug. 23, 1864; died April 2, 1865.
- VI. EUGENE LANGDON, born March 30, 1866; married, 1st, Oct. 3, 1888, S. Florence Hannaford; she died May 22, 1891, aged 26 years; he married, 2d, July 17, 1894, Harriette M. Metcalf of Keene.
- VII. EMMA MARIA, born Nov. 30, 1868; married, March 10, 1890, A. M. Doolittle.
- VIII. SIDNEY COOK, born May 3, 1872.

ELIJAH ALEXANDER, born in Uxbridge, Mass., 1741; married, 1765, Elizabeth Taft of Mendon; died in 1822; Mrs. Alexander died in 1838.

- I. GIDEON, born Aug. 13, 1767; settled in Canada, where he died.
- II. AMASA, born Nov. 30, 1769; died in New York.
- III. ELIZABETH, born Sept. 13, 1771; died in Mendon, aged 30.
- IV. LUTHER, born Sept. 19, 1773; graduated at Harvard College and studied theology with Dr. Crane of Northbridge; but as he was about to enter the ministry, he went to Canada to visit his brother, Dr. Alexander, and while there he took the smallpox and died.
- V. CALVIN, born June 20, 1775; studied medicine with Dr. Willard of Uxbridge, and settled in Montreal, where after achieving an honorable fame and doing an extensive business, he died.
- VI. ELIJAH, born March 25, 1777; died in Vermont.
- VII. JEMIMA, born March 15, 1779; married James Cheever; died in Troy.
- VIII. TIMOTHY, born Nov. 27, 1780; learned the hatter's trade; died in New York.
- IX. PHINEAS, born Aug. 20, 1782; lived in Canute, Ohio.
- X. JOSEPH, born Oct. 20, 1784; married Lucretia Howe.

- XI. EASMAN, born April 28, 1786; married Lucy Garfield; lived on the homestead.
- XII. EUNICE, born Jan. 29, 1788; married James Davis of Jaffrey.
- XIII. LOIS, born Dec. 16, 1790; married James Hicks and settled in Wisconsin.
- XIV. SUBMIT, born Aug. 1, 1791; married Isaac Garfield; lived in Sedana, N. Y.
- XV. EZRA, born April 16, 1794; married Lucretia Fuller; lived in Fitzwilliam.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER, son of Elijah; married, 1811, Lucretia, daughter of Zalmon Howe, who was born in Holden, Mass., July 11, 1788; Mrs. Alexander died in Troy, Aug. 28, 1861; Mr. Alexander died May 6, 1868.

- I. JOSEPH, born Feb. 7, 1812; married Prudence (Blanding) Bowen.
- II. ELIJAH, born Feb. 14, 1814; died March 20, 1822.
- III. CALVIN, born April 23, 1816.
- IV. LUCRETIA, born Sept. 11, 1818; married David Woodward of Swanzev, who died June, 1856.
- V. LOUISA, born Oct. 13, 1820; died Oct. 20, 1826.
- VI. ELIJAH, 2d, born March 14, 1823; died Sept. 29, 1826.
- VII. LUTHER, born May 1, 1825.
- VIII. CAROLINE, born May 3, 1827; died Aug. 23, 1880.
- IX. CHARLES, born March 5, 1831.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER, JR., son of Joseph, born Feb. 7, 1812; married, Oct. 2, 1839, Prudence (Blanding) Bowen, born Jan. 24, 1814; died Nov. 13, 1878; Mrs. Alexander resides in Templeton, Mass.

- I. CAROLINE L., born May 26, 1840; married, Feb. 3, 1864, Levi Merrifield.
- II. LOUISA A., born March 24, 1842; married, Nov. 13, 1862, Edward S. Foster; died May 13, 1876.
- III. MARY E., born Jan. 20, 1847; married, Jan. 20, 1872, William W. Ross of Dublin, who died March, 1873. One child, *Viola L. Ross*, born July 1, 1872; married, Harry J. Nash, Nov. 15, 1890. She married, 2d, April 7, 1876, Walter F. Elliott. Children: *Cora L. Elliott*, born Nov. 6, 1878; died Jan. 18, 1879. *Mabel J. Elliott*, born May 4, 1886.
- IV. EMMA M., born April 28, 1849; died March 20, 1859.
- V. ELLEN E., born Nov. 18, died Nov. 26, 1852.
- VI. VIOLA A., born Nov. 26, died Nov. 29, 1853.
- VII. JOSEPHINE M., born May 3, 1859; married, Jan. 6, 1882, Daniel F. Richards; resides in Gardner.

CALVIN ALEXANDER, son of Joseph, born April 23, 1816; married, Feb. 19, 1843, Abbie Ann, daughter of Geo.

W. Murphy of New Ipswich, who was born Dec. 5, 1823, and located on the home place, now known as the Stillman Taylor place on West Hill. The house now standing was built by him about 1858. He lived there eight or nine years, then moved to Marlborough; but he returned in 1858. He followed the occupation of shoemaker, carpenter and farmer, and always found employment in one of them. He removed to East Swanzey in October, 1871, and engaged in the manufacture of wooden ware, and continued in the business until within two or three years of his death, which occurred Dec. 18, 1888.

- I. GEORGE D., born July 3, 1847; died March 18, 1866.
- II. ABBIE FRANCES, born Nov. 27, 1854; married, June 26, 1877, Herbert W. Mason; died Jan. 15, 1897.
- III. HATTIE REBECCA, born Aug. 21, 1859; married, March 24, 1881, James M. Ramsdell.

LUTHER ALEXANDER, son of Joseph, born May 1, 1825; married, Sept. 7, 1848, Lydia S. Harris, daughter of Stephen Harris; born Sept. 9, 1832. He resides in East Swanzey at the present time, and has lived in Marlborough and Swanzey most of the time.

- I. WALTER SCOTT, born May 9, 1849.
- II. MARTHA A., born Dec. 24, 1853; married, Jan. 24, 1872, George E. Fuller of Marlborough.
- III. LILLIAN M., born Oct. 2, 1856; married, July 18, 1877, Jasper E. Lovering.
- IV. LORA E., born April 29, 1860; married, Sept. 21, 1881, Fred A. Carter.
- V. NELLIE M., born March 8, 1865; married, Dec. 31, 1883, Charles A. Barden of Richmond.

CHARLES ALEXANDER, son of Joseph, born March 5, 1831; married, March 27, 1856, Ellen C., born July 19, 1837, daughter of Philo Applin. He moved from Troy to Westport, Swanzey, about 1862 or 1863, and afterwards lived in Keene, East Swanzey, Winchendon and Fitchburg, where he died Aug. 31, 1889.

- I. CHARLES WARREN, born Oct. 28, 1857; married, April, 1883, Hattie M. Stoddard of Gardner, Mass.
- II. JULIAN EGBERT, born April 14, 1859.
- III. FRANK PHILO, born July 27, 1860; died in Swanzey, May 6, 1883.

- IV. WILLIE EDWARD, born March, 1862; died Oct. 31, 1863.
  - V. WILLIE WESSON, born Sept. 8, 1863; married, Dec. 31, 1890, Lizzie Hartnett of Gardner, Mass.
  - VI. EARL EVANS, born March 20, 1865; died in Fitchburg, June 4, 1887.
- WALTER SCOTT ALEXANDER, son of Luther, born May 9, 1849; married, June 16, 1880, Nellie Adaline, born Jan. 1, 1862, daughter of Hermon L. Lincoln.
- I. ROLAND LUTHER, born April 21, 1884.
- EASMAN ALEXANDER, son of Elijah, born April 20, 1786; married, 1808, Lucy, daughter of John Garfield, and settled on the home farm with his father. He was emphatically a home man, and never was in a stage-coach or railroad car, and very seldom going beyond the limits of the town; but unlike many other home men he knew the way to church. He died June 9, 1863; his wife died April 23, 1866.
- I. MARY, born May 13, 1805; died in 1885; married Russell Waters; resided in Fitchburg; he died Oct., 1890. Children: 1. *Silas Waters*, married Eveline Sawyer; resides in Leicester, Mass.; 2. *Sarah Waters*, married William Baldwin; resides in Fitchburg; 3. *Russell R. Waters*, resides in Fitchburg.
  - II. ELIZABETH, born Dec. 20, 1808; died March 8, 1830.
  - III. ELINOR, born July 25, 1810; died Feb. 21, 1838.
  - IV. ANNIS, born June 12, 1812; died March 12, 1834.
  - V. HANNAH, born July 10, 1814; died Dec. 22, 1833.
  - VI. LUCY, born April 12, 1817; married, April 15, 1842, Levi Whittemore, Jr., of Troy; died Aug. 10, 1843.
  - VII. EASMAN, born Sept. 5, 1819.
  - VIII. JOHN C., born March 17, 1822.
  - IX. ABIGAIL, born Feb. 26, 1824; married, Dec. 31, 1846, Luther Whittemore; died May 20, 1890.
  - X. SARAH L., born Oct. 4, 1825; married, Oct. 10, 1848, Levi Merrifield; died March 4, 1863.
- EASMAN ALEXANDER, son of Easman, born Sept. 5, 1819; married, 1st, June 9, 1842, Dorothy Ann, daughter of Jonathan and Dorothy (Cutting) Lawrence; resides in Gardner, Mass., where he was engaged in the undertaking business for many years; Mrs. Alexander died Aug. 25, 1890; married, 2d, Jan. 2, 1894, Mrs. L. Sleeper of Annapolis, N. S.
- I. LUCY ANN, born Aug. 18, 1843; married Walter E. Stuart; resides in Worcester,\* Mass.



- II. CLINTON H., born May 1, 1846; married Florence Johnson, who died in 1886.
- III. ALFRED L., born March 3, 1848; married Nellie Allen of Fitchburg.
- IV. AUSTIN F., born May 6, 1849; married Carrie Studley; resides in Natick, Mass.
- V. FRANK E., born May 12, 1853; married Almeda Converse of Stockholm, N. Y.; resides in Gardner.
- VI. ARTHUR, born April 12, 1855; died Nov., 1888.

JOHN C. ALEXANDER, son of Easman, born March 17, 1822; married, Dec. 28, 1852, Laura E., daughter of Artemas and Polly Beard of Fitzwilliam; died Nov. 17, 1862.

- I. GEORGE H., born July 18, 1844; married, June 20, 1888, Lucy F., daughter of Lorenzo and Sarah H. (Garfield) Dexter. One child, *Ralph Irwin*, born July 31, 1890.
- II. M. ABBIE, born Jan. 19, 1867; married, Aug. 12, 1881, Edward W. Tolman. Children: 1. *Adelaide H. Tolman*, born Feb. 16, 1883; 2. *Easter Lillian Tolman*, born April 5, 1885; 3. *Laura Frances Tolman*, born April 19, 1889.
- III. JOHN H., born Jan. 12, 1859.
- IV. LAURA E., born Dec. 1, 1860; died Nov. 8, 1862.
- V. CLIFFORD, born Oct. 4, 1862.

JOSIAH AMADON, born Aug. 9, 1787; died July 6, 1847; married, 1st, April 1, 1810, Lydia, born May 8, 1788; died Jan. 15, 1827, daughter of David and Esther (Bruce) White of Fitzwilliam; he married, 2d, May 29, 1839, Mary White, sister of his former wife, born Oct. 12, 1794. Mr. Amadon came into what is now Troy, in 1809, and worked at shoemaking, where all his children, which were by his first wife, were born. He removed to Fitzwilliam about 1827.

- I. MARY, born Oct. 29, 1810; married, Oct. 14, 1832, Gideon Bemis of Westminster, Vt., son of David and Lydia (Stiles). Children born at Westminster: 1. *Lydia Bemis*, born Aug. 4, 1833; 2. *Ruth Bemis*, born March 5, 1836; 3. *Josiah Bemis*, born Nov. 11, 1841; 4. *Phebe Bemis*, born Nov. 11, 1841; 5. *Mary Bemis*, born Nov. 13, 1843.
- II. JOHN, born Nov. 12, 1812.
- III. LEANDER, born Aug. 9, 1814; died Dec. 12, 1878; married, May 14, 1847, Sarah H. Randall, born March 18, 1822, daughter of Eleazer and Clarissa (Wheeler) of Chesterfield. Children born at Bellows Falls, Vt.: 1. *Clara*, born Feb. 18, 1850; 2. *Frederick*, born Feb. 25, 1852; 3. *Alice*, born Sept. 25, 1856; 4. *Henry*, born July 31, 1858.

- IV. JOSIAH, born Feb. 20, 1816; died July 18, 1849; unmarried.
- V. SARAH A., born Sept. 7, 1821; married Jared D. Perkins; resides in Bellows Falls.
- VI. ESTHER, born Oct. 9, 1823; married, Aug. 8, 1844, Elbridge Aldrich, son of Luke and Mary (Martin) Aldrich of Richmond; died Dec. 4, 1879, at Worcester, Mass.
- VII. HANNAH, born Aug. 26, 1825; married, April 13, 1847, David Damon of Fitzwilliam; died Aug. 2, 1875.

JOHN AMADON, son of Josiah, born Nov. 4, 1813; married, Oct. 20, 1840, Betsey B. Putney of Chesterfield, born July 3, 1814; died at Hatteras Inlet, Jan. 15, 1862. He resided in Fitzwilliam, Richmond, Marlborough and Troy, working at his trade as a blacksmith. Mr. Amadon was a member of Co. F, 6th Regt., N. H. Vols. Mrs. Amadon died Dec. 18, 1896.

- I. SARAH ELIZABETH, born July 1, 1841; married Joseph F. Capron.
- II. JAMES ORLANDO, born Sept. 10, 1842; married, March 2, 1871, Susie Bryant. Children: 1. *Robert S.*, born Aug. 24, 1872; 2. *Lucy M.*, born Sept. 10, 1874; 3. *Henry H.*, born Aug. 13, 1876; 4. *Annie K.*, born Feb. 11, 1878; 5. *James G.*, born Jan. 18, 1881; 6. *Fred P.*, born Nov. 17, 1882.
- III. HENRY JOSIAH, born March 18, 1844; he enlisted in the same company with his father, served three years, and was in twenty-three battles; he was one of the number who survived the wreck of the ill-fated steamer "West Point," which was sunk in the Potomac river. At the end of his term of enlistment he received an honorable discharge, returned home, and died of disease contracted in the army, July 27, 1867.
- IV. FRANCIS EDWARD, born July 30, 1846; married, Nov. 4, 1872, Sarah A. Wright. One child, *Howard John*, born May 24, 1880.
- V. CHARLES HERBERT, born March 3, 1848; is a sailor.
- VI. ELLA MARIA, born Oct. 2, 1854; married, Jan. 1, 1874, Julius E. Bemis; resides in Fitzwilliam. Children: 1. Son, born Dec. 20, 1875; died young; 2. *Henry Whitcomb Bemis*, born Feb. 2, 1885; 3. *Chester Luke Bemis*, born Aug. 14, 1886.
- VII. GEORGE FREDERICK, born May 11, 1857; married, June 12, 1879, Clara C. Webber. Children: 1. *Paul H.*, born March 31, 1881; 2. *Frederick W.*, born July 21, 1883; 3. *Helen L.*, born March 25, 1887; 4. *I. Harold*, born May 9, 1889; 5. *F. Philip*, born Oct. 21, 1894.

BAKER. John Baker and Elizabeth, his wife, were in Concord, Mass., in 1729. Of his ancestry we have no knowledge; but he was probably born in England and emigrated to this country when a young man, and settled

in Concord where four of his children were born. He is supposed to have returned to England where he remained some three years, when he again emigrated to this country and settled in Waltham, where he resided five or six years and then with a part of his family moved to Killingly, Conn. Richard, son of John and Elizabeth, was born in Concord, April 8, 1729. When twenty-nine years of age he purchased a tract of wild land in Westminster, Mass., intending to take up his abode there, but was pressed into the British service in the French and Indian War for one year. At the expiration of his time of service the English officers refused to give him and his company their discharge and retained them against their consent. They prepared themselves with snow shoes and the whole company, consisting of about sixty men, left the camp at Albany at midnight, intending to cross the Green Mountains to Massachusetts. They got lost, wandered several days among the mountains, but finally found the Deerfield river, which they followed to Colerain, where they found inhabitants, after having been out nine days without provisions except a small dog which they killed the fifth day, and having the snow, which was some four feet deep, for their bed. Mr. Baker reached home in safety, and soon married Mary Sawyer of Lancaster, settled in Westminster, raised up a numerous family of children, and died Dec. 13, 1808.

Mary (Sawyer) Baker's grandfather, Thomas Sawyer, was one of the first settlers of Lancaster, Mass. He built a house, surrounding it by a fort, and a sawmill, to which the inhabitants resorted in case of Indian hostilities, which were very common from 1670 to 1710. At one time, supposed to be between 1675 and 1680, his garrison was attacked by the Indians, and all were killed except Mr. Sawyer and two women. Night came on, the women

loaded the guns and Mr. Sawyer continued to fire from the port holes till nearly midnight, at which time the Indians withdrew from the place. Mr. Sawyer then caught his horse, and after setting fire to his house which contained shocks of grain, the women mounted the horse, and he walked by their side until they reached a place of safety.

On the 15th of October, 1705, Mr. Sawyer with his son Elias and John Bigelow were taken captives by the Indians at his sawmill a little after daylight, whither he had gone to commence the labors of the day, and the savages immediately set out with their prisoners for Canada. On the journey they treated Mr. Sawyer with great cruelty, and on arriving at Montreal, he remarked to the governor, whose residence was at that place, that there was a good site for mills on the river Chamblé, and that he would build him a sawmill on condition that he would procure his, his son's and Bigelow's redemption. The governor readily closed in with the proposal, as at that time there was not a sawmill in all Canada, nor an artificer capable of building one. He accordingly applied to the Indians and very readily procured the ransom of young Sawyer and Bigelow, but no sum would procure Mr. Sawyer's redemption; him—being distinguished for his bravery, which had proved fatal to a number of their brethren—they were determined to immolate. The victim was accordingly led forth and fastened to the stake, environed with materials so disposed as to produce a lingering death. The savages surrounding the unfortunate prisoner, began to anticipate the horrid pleasures of beholding their victim writhing in torture amid the rising flames, and rending the air with their dismal yells. Suddenly a friar appeared and with great solemnity held forth what he declared to be the key to the gate of Purgatory, and told them that

unless they released their prisoner he would instantly unlock that gate and send them headlong thereinto. Superstition prevailed and wrought the deliverance of Mr. Sawyer; for they at once unbound him and gave him up to the governor.

In one year from that time he completed the sawmill, when he and Bigelow were discharged. They detained his son Elias one year longer, to instruct them in the art of sawing and keeping the mill in order. He was then amply rewarded and sent home to his friends, and both he and his father lived to an advanced age and were gathered to their graves in peace.

BEZALEEL BAKER, fourth son of Richard and Mary (Sawyer) Baker, was born in Westminster, Mass., Jan. 4, 1768. At fifteen years of age the care of his father's brick yard and farm devolved upon him and two younger brothers, his father being confined to the house by sickness for many years. He came to Marlborough in December, 1787, working at shoemaking and other business during the winter, and returning to Westminster in the spring, which he continued to do until Nov. 16, 1789, when he purchased a tract of wild land, and married, Sept. 17, 1793, Abigail, daughter of Dea. Nathan and Rebecca (Haynes) Wood of Westminster. Mr. Baker was a strictly temperate man when every one else thought it did them good to drink; yet his neighbors said they never knew him to drink spirits but once, and that was at a wolf hunt, where one was killed and the bounty paid in rum, and while the rain fell in torrents he drank with the others. The influence of his temperate habits was very salutary on his family, for none of them ever made excessive use of ardent spirits.

The Deacon Nathan Wood above referred to was a descendant of William Wood, who came to this country



in 1638 and settled in Concord, Mass. Married, May 2, 1750, Rebecca, daughter of Abijah Haynes of Sudbury, Mass., born Feb. 14, 1731. Mr. Wood removed to Westminster in 1756. He was active in opposing those measures of the British government which led to the Revolution and the struggle for independence; was a member of the first Congress which met in Cambridge, and encouraged resistance to the arbitrary acts of the English crown. But he died June 19, 1777, and his fifteen children followed him to the grave. His posterity have since settled in almost every state in the Union, and among them have been several clergymen.

Mr. Baker died Oct. 1, 1849, and his wife died April 10, 1862. He had eight children of whom three married and lived in Troy.

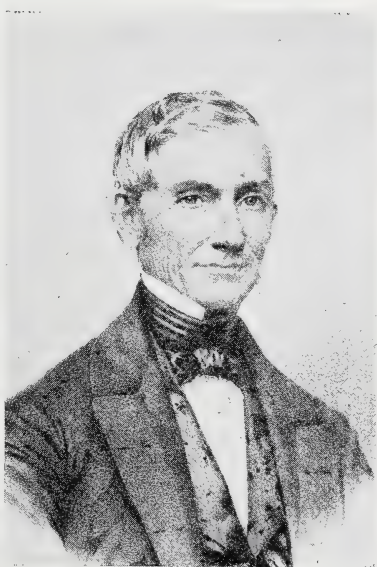
- I. REBECCA, born July 14, 1795; married Etheel Parmenter; died Nov. 10, 1841.
- II. ABEL, born April 8, 1797.
- III. EZRA, born Feb. 27, 1799; married Caroline Adams; lived in Jaffrey.
- IV. MARY, born June 27, 1801; married Luke Moors.
- V. ASA, born Feb. 24, 1803; married Hannah Moors of Sharon; died Oct. 12, 1869.
- VI. THIRZA, born Dec. 7, 1804; married, Nov. 26, 1828, Joel Holt; died in Troy, June, 1862.
- VII. CALEB, born Feb. 27, 1807; died Jan. 16, 1837, unmarried.
- VIII. MAHALA, born April 3, 1810; married, Nov. 5, 1839, Erastus Spaulding; died in Troy, Nov. 18, 1847; was fatally burned by the firing of a kettle of varnish that was upon the stove in the room where she was sitting.

Abel Baker descended from an honorable ancestry and it was found the blood had not been contaminated in passing through his veins. He came from Marlborough in 1821, and located on the Whitcomb place, afterwards owned by Amasa Aldrich. He resided there for some eight years, then bought the Perry farm, formerly owned by Dea. Silas Fife, now owned by Oliver P. Whitcomb, where he lived several years when he moved to the village.

Like most lads at that early day he was brought up

on a farm, and accustomed to almost all kinds of manual labor. He possessed a good constitution, was athletic and energetic, and seldom failed to accomplish the object of his desire. His educational advantages were limited and were mainly those of the common schools of the time, which were much less efficient than those of the present day. These advantages however were well improved, and he became one of the best and most advanced scholars in the district.

Having mastered the branches taught in the district schools, he was sent to an academy in New Salem, Mass., where he studied one term and then commenced teaching. For several years, he taught school in the winter and assisted his father on the farm in the summer. As a teacher he was very successful and his services were sought by the best and most desirable school districts. He married, April 18, 1821, and coming to Troy, devoted his time and attention to agriculture. His admirable qualities of head and heart were soon recognized by his fellow citizens and he became one of the leading men of the town. His sound judgment, practical wisdom, and general intelligence fitted him for any position in the community; and he was consequently elected at different times, to almost all the civil offices in the town. He served the town as selectman some sixteen



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years and most of the time as chairman of the board, and represented the town in the legislature in the years 1840, 1841 and 1842. In all the public positions he was called to fill, he was faithful and honest, and none of his constituents ever had reason to feel that they had misplaced their confidence.

He did a large amount of business in the settlement of estates. His ability and familiarity with the law fitted him for the transaction of this kind of business, and for many years his services in this line were in constant demand.

The crowning excellence of Deacon Baker's life, however, is to be found in his devotion to the services of his Divine Master and in his noble Christian character. He experienced religion in early life and united with the Congregational church of which he was ever afterwards a worthy, active and honored member. Through the trying period in the early history of the church in this town, he was one of the few who remained steadfast in the Congregational faith; and through his and his colaborers' efforts, under the Divine blessing, the church lived and prospered. Soon after he became a member of the church he was chosen one of the deacons, and held and honored the office for thirty-six years, or during the remainder of his life. As an officer in the church he was vigilant and faithful, watching over its members and laboring to promote their spiritual welfare. He was honored by all classes, and looked up to as a faithful friend, a wise counselor, and exemplary Christian. His intimacy with the people and matters of the town had made him well acquainted with its history, and previous to his death had commenced collecting material for the purpose of continuing the same. After a long and useful life, he died Sept. 26, 1878, calmly and in the full assurance of a glorious immortality.

ABEL BAKER, second son of Bezaleel, born April 8, 1797; married, 1st, April 18, 1821, Cordelia, daughter of Caleb and Deborah (Fairbanks) Perry; she died Aug. 4, 1839, and he married, 2d, Nov. 16, 1840, Mrs. Sarah (Crosby) Bush, daughter of Alpheus Crosby of Jaffrey; she died March 27, 1872, and he married, 3d, April 29, 1875, Martha, daughter of Elijah and Prudence (Newell) Harrington; he died Sept. 26, 1878; she died March 6, 1884. Children all by first wife.

- I. ORRISSA, born Aug. 28, 1822; died Sept. 6, 1823.
- II. CORDELIA, born Dec. 27, 1823; married, Dec. 1, 1845, John F. Humphreys of Athol, Mass.; died April 29, 1892. Had one son *George F. Humphreys*, who is a clergyman in New York.
- III. ABEL W., born April 28, 1825.
- IV. CAROLINE B., born Jan. 5, 1827; married, June 6, 1848, F. S. Parmer of Athol, Mass., who died Dec. 7, 1881; his widow now resides in Boston. Two children, *Frank S.* and *William H.*
- V. MYRA A., born Feb. 24, 1832; married John U. Beers; died Dec. 3, 1874.
- VI. MARY W., born May 21, 1836; married Rev. J. A. Batcheller; he died in Exeter, N. H., Dec. 27, 1884.

ABEL WARREN BAKER, son of Abel, born April 28, 1825; married, April 8, 1847, Mary, daughter of Joseph and Ruth (White) Haskell. After residing one year in Marlborough and about as long in Jaffrey, Troy, South Orange and Fitchburg, he returned to Troy and resided until about twenty years ago, when he moved to Keene.

- I. GEORGE WASHINGTON, born July 4, 1848.
- II. ABEL WARREN, born July 13, 1851; married Catherine Page of Worcester, Mass.; resides in Oakland, Cal. One child, *Sumner Warren*.
- III. FRED HENRY, born June 11, 1855; married, 1st, Sarah D. Chase, who died May 9, 1890; married, 2d, Ella F. Parke of Roxbury; resides in Oakland, Cal. One child, *Florence E.*
- IV. IDA MARY, born Dec. 10, 1857; married E. N. Cummings; resides in Fitchburg, Mass. One child, *Eddie E. Cummings*.
- V. ABBIE A., born Aug. 10, 1865; married William E. Wilbur; resides in Fitchburg, Mass.
- VI. HORATIO S., born Aug. 11, 1868.

GEORGE W. BAKER, son of Abel W., born July 4, 1848; married, 1st, June 15, 1876, Helen M., daughter of David W. and Hannah (Wheeler) Farrar; she died



Aug. 18, 1884; married, 2d, Oct. 15, 1889, Lucy Goss of Chicago; he died Feb. 3, 1892, in Chicago.

- I. ANNA LOUISA, born March 6, 1878.
- II. CHARLES WARREN, born October, 1879; died Aug. 13, 1880.
- III. LEILA HELEN, born June 16, 1882.

AMOS BAKER came to Troy in February, 1866, and bought the George Farrar place of Lorenzo Dexter, where he resided until a few years since when he removed to Marlborough. He was born in Hubbardston, Mass., July 25, 1819; married, 1st, June 14, 1843, Fannie Tenney of Weston, Vt., who was born July 24, 1825; died Nov. 8, 1884; he married, 2d, Cynthia Buttrick, born May, 1830; died Feb. 5, 1890; married, 3d, Nov. 4, 1890, Mrs. Abigail C. Sargent of Marlborough.

- I. FANNY ROZELL, born May 26, 1844, in Mendon, Mass.; married, Oct. 26, 1869, Charles D. Clark; died July 22, 1893.
- II. SARAH S., born July 13, 1846; married, July 21, 1866, Abner W. Pierce; resides in Nova Scotia.
- III. SAMUEL AMOS, born Feb. 20, 1853; married, Aug. 9, 1875, Alice E. Lord. Children: 1. *Elliot L.*, born June 25, 1875; married, Nov. 14, 1894, Junie E., daughter of Ozro J. and Lucy (Kendall) Hale; they have children: Beth Helen; Norman Harry, born March 11, 1896; Doris Eva, born June 30, 1897. 2. *Fred Amos*, born Jan. 7, 1877; 3. *Cora Alice*, born April 9, 1883.

DANIEL BALL came from Holden, Mass., in 1785, and settled in Marlborough; he came to what is now Troy, in 1812; he died Feb. 23, 1830, aged 74; his wife was Lydia Smith of Worcester; she died Oct. 13, 1840, aged 86.

- I. LYDIA, married John Thurston of Marlborough.
- II. BETSEY, married, March 24, 1807, Amos Stanford of Dublin.
- III. RELIEF, born Oct. 15, 1781; married Liebieus Rhodes of Marlborough; died Dec. 26, 1842.
- IV. OLIVE, married, April 20, 1802, Simeon Cobb of Dublin.
- V. ESTHER, married Benjamin Bosworth of Winchendon.
- VI. RUTH, born March 14, 1786; married Stephen Rhodes of Marlborough.
- VII. LUCY, born Feb. 24, 1789; married Daniel Woodward of Swanzev.
- VIII. PATTY, born March 4, 1793; married, March, 1816, Stephen Harris; she died 1852.
- IX. DANIEL, born March 16, 1795; married Hannah Bolles of Richmond.
- X. WESSON, married Lydia Walker of Royalston, Mass.



JONATHAN BALL came from Southborough, in 1787, and built a tavern near the present residence of Capt. E. F. Adams; his wife was Anna, supposed to be a daughter of Isaac Gibbs.

- I. JONATHAN.
- II. REBECCA.
- III. POLLY.
- IV. NANCY.
- V. NABBY, born June 19, 1786.
- VI. LUCINDA, born April 25, 1789.
- VII. SILAS, born March 26, 1792.

MOSES BALLOU came from Smithfield, R. I., Dec. 1, 1823, and located in the Maxcy house; he was the son of Moses Ballou and was born June 2, 1781; married, Dec. 28, 1818, Martha, daughter of John Randall of North Providence, R. I., born Feb. 29, 1792; died Sept. 23, 1873, in Swanzy; Mr. Ballou died in Troy, Oct. 3, 1838.

- I. DEZAH C., born March 20, 1821, in Smithfield; married Benjamin Read of Swanzy; died Nov. 10, 1882.
- II. MOSES D., born Dec. 2, 1822; married, Jan. 18, 1850, Eunice F., daughter of Elijah Lane; died Nov. 27, 1867. One child, *Fanny M. Ballou*, born June 19, 1855; married Eugene E. Applin.
- III. ALBERT R., born in Troy, Dec. 26, 1824; married, Dec. 26, 1849, Mary M., daughter of Benjamin Mason; died Nov. 20, 1865. Children: 1. *Frank Albert Ballou*, born March 4, 1850; died Nov. 20, 1890; 2. *Emma M. Ballou*, born Nov. 23, 1855; died March 28, 1856; 3. *Elwin M. Ballou*, born July 24, 1857; died April 28, 1859; 4. *Ella M. Ballou*, born Feb. 22, 1859; died Nov. 3, 1865; 5. *Mary Deziah*, born June 22, 1862; married Charles Eveleth of Swanzy.

WELCOME BALLOU married, June 2, 1852, Lucy, daughter of Stephen Harris and settled on the place where A. B. Harrington afterwards lived. He was a painter and had the reputation of being a very skillful workman. His health failing, he sold his farm in 1856, and went to the West, but soon returned to Troy, where he died Nov. 3, 1857.

- I. FRANK W., born July 22, 1856.

WILLIAM BARKER is supposed to have been a native of Concord, Mass. He married Jane, daughter of William and Keziah (Cloyes) Goddard, born March 12, 1739;

Mr. Barker was the first person to settle in what is now the town of Troy; he died Oct. 5, 1798, aged 62.

- I. ABIGAIL, born Aug. 20, 1760; married James Dean.
- II. WILLIAM, born June 5, 1762; died April 12, 1790.
- III. MARY, born Dec. 18, 1763.
- IV. RUTH, born April 2, 1766; died April 7, 1790.
- V. JOHN, born Dec. 1, 1767; died 1820.
- VI. ELIZABETH, born Feb. 5, 1770; married, March 20, 1800, Abijah Cadwell of Fair Haven, Vt.
- VII. LUKE, born Oct. 12, 1771; died March 3, 1786.
- VIII. NATHAN, born Sept. 28, 1773; married, Jan. 6, 1804, Lucy Lawrence; settled in Vermont.
- IX. PELEG, born Aug. 6, 1776; died March 1, 1786.
- X. LUCY, born July 14, 1780; married James Wheelock.
- XI. OLIVE, born Sept. 18, 1783; was scalded to death, Jan. 7, 1786.

CALVIN BARNARD came from Marlborough to Troy in 1872, and settled on the Lemuel Brown place at the North end. He was born in Schenectady, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1816; married, Sept. 29, 1846, Mary Miranda Perkins, born in Unity, N. H., Aug. 28, 1823. Mr. Barnard died Nov. 24, 1891. His widow died July 17, 1895.

- I. JOSEPHINE C., born in Marlow, Sept. 30, 1847; married, Jan. 2, 1872, Hudson D. Hale of Rindge. He died June 5, 1873; and she married, 2d, Sept. 27, 1876, Charles H. Stanford. Children: 1. *George M. Stanford*, born Oct. 19, 1877; 2. *Willis C.*, born May 10, 1881; 3. *Mary A.*, born Sept. 16, 1883.
- II. ADELAIDE M., born in Unity, N. H., Sept. 28, 1849; died Feb. 17, 1867.
- III. CARLOS MELVIN, born in Unity, N. H., July 24, 1851; married, May 17, 1877, Harriet R., daughter of Gregory and Emily (Brown) Lawrence. Children: 1. *Lumen Downing Barnard*, born Jan. 18, 1884; 2. *Walter Melvin Barnard*, born Aug. 26, 1891.
- IV. ALICE B., born in Unity, N. H., June 26, 1853; married, Jan. 4, 1882, Charles W. Brown; died July 30, 1884.
- V. HOMER C., born in Ashby, Mass., Oct. 17, 1855; married, 1879, Addie E. Taylor. One child *Jessie N.*, born April 25, 1881.
- VI. HENRY LYMAN, born in Marlborough, Jan. 23, 1861.
- VII. IDELLA FRANCES, born in Marlborough, March 10, 1863.
- VIII. EMILY LUCY, born in Marlborough, July 10, 1865.

PHILIP BEMIS, perhaps grandson of Joseph, who settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1640, was in Cambridge in 1723, and married, Nov. 21, 1723, Elizabeth Lawrence. In 1738 he moved to Westminster, Mass., being the third settler in that township. He had six children, all born

in Cambridge. The date of their birth is not recorded, but the church records give the date of baptism as follows:

- I. PHILIP, Nov. 13, 1726.
- II. WILLIAM, Nov. 13, 1726.
- III. DAVID, July 30, 1727.
- IV. ABIGAIL, July 25, 1731.
- V. EDMUND, Oct. 22, 1732.
- VI. ZACHEUS, July 25, 1736; married Elizabeth Lyon, and settled in Westminster.

EDMUND BEMIS, son of Capt. Edmund and Elizabeth (Rand) Bemis, and grandson of Philip and Elizabeth (Lawrence) Bemis, born in Westminster, Mass., in 1765; married Susannah Graves, and settled first in Fitchburg, but came to what is now Troy in 1807, and purchased a farm. Mr. Bemis died Feb. 11, 1857; his wife died Jan. 5, 1848.

- I. CLARISSA, married William Whitcomb.
- II. ELIJAH, died in infancy.
- III. ELIJAH, married Lucy Butler; died Nov. 5, 1852.
- IV. SUSANNAH, married William Jackson of Wallingford, Vt.; died Dec. 5, 1826.
- V. JONAS, born Feb. 14, 1809.
- VI. MARY, born June 7, 1814; married, 1835, George W. Brown; lives in Troy.
- VII. SUMNER, born 1815; married R. Ann Thompson; died April 19, 1877; killed by an accident in E. Buttrick & Co.'s mill.

JONAS BEMIS, son of Edmund, born Feb. 14, 1809; married, Aug. 25, 1831, Fanny, daughter of William Lawrence of Marlborough, and resided a few years on the farm formerly owned by Levi L. Pierce, but eventually sold the place and went to live with his father, on the farm now owned by J. M. Foster, and became one of the most successful farmers in the westerly part of the town. Mrs. Bemis died April 26, 1870; he died March 21, 1874.

- I. WILLIAM L., born Nov. 2, 1834; married, April 3, 1861, Mary J. Holt of Troy; resides in Pawtucket, R. I. Children: 1. *Nellie A.*, born Dec. 10, 1861; 2. *Henry Leslie*, born Jan. 21, 1873.
- II. WARREN B., born March 12, 1839; married, May 20, 1867, Sarah Frances Holt of Alabama, born April 21, 1848. No children; resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

- III. MARY E., born Oct. 20, 1840; married, Jan. 11, 1866, Henry C. Almy of South Portsmouth, R. I. Children: 1. *Frederic Warren Almy*, born Oct. 29, 1866; 2. *Fanny Gertrude Almy*, born April 28, 1873.
- IV. FREDERICK W., born April 28, 1852; died Oct. 18, 1862.
- V. FRANK H., born May 3, 1857; married, July 20, 1887, Juliette C. Miller; resides in Cincinnati, Ohio. One child, *Mary Adeline*, born July 1, 1888.

ELIJAH BEMIS, son of Edmund, married, March 11, 1824, Lucy Butler, and located on the farm formerly owned by Hugh Thompson, but afterwards by Jonathan Lawrence, Jr., where he resided until his death, Nov. 1, 1852.

- I. EDMUND, born Sept. 19, 1824.
- II. CAROLINE, born Jan. 13, 1826; married David Robbins of Winchendon; died May 17, 1849.
- III. LORING, born April 6, 1827; married, March 2, 1854, Ellen Hall of Plymouth, Vt.
- IV. ELIJAH, born March 2, 1829; married, June 2, 1852, Susan H. Kimball of Rindge.
- V. GILBERT C., born June 23, 1830; married, Oct. 10, 1854, Ellen Metcalf of Rindge.
- VI. SUSANNAH, born March 30, 1832; married, April 1, 1850, Simeon Merrifield; died Oct. 1, 1853.
- VII. LUCY ANN, born Sept. 22, 1835; married, July 4, 1859, — Derby of Fitzwilliam.

EDMUND BEMIS, son of Elijah, born Sept. 19, 1824; married, 1st, Aug. 13, 1846, Mary M. Kimball of Rindge. Mrs. Bemis died June 20, 1885, aged 58; and he married, 2d, May 18, 1886, Polly A. Bowen of Richmond. He died June 10, 1892. A few years after his marriage he purchased the Perkins place on East Hill where he lived until about 1887, when he moved to the village and purchased one-half of the brick house formerly owned by Isaac Aldrich. Mr. Bemis was a shrewd business man and a successful farmer, and by industry and economy secured quite a competence. He served as selectman of the town at different times for twenty-five years, and in 1865 and 1866 represented the town in the legislature. He was frequently called upon to act in the settlement of estates and other probate business. Children:

- I. GEORGE WARREN, born Jan. 2, 1852; married, November, 1883, Cecelia Sweezer of New Brunswick; resides in Templeton, Mass.
- II. MARIANNA, born June 16, 1853; married, Sept. 14, 1871, Henry P. Howe of Fitzwilliam. Children: 1. *Alta May Howe*, born March 14, 1873; died Sept. 1, 1873; 2. *Edmund Bemis Howe*, born July 7, 1878; 3. *Perley Clifton Howe*, born Jan. 1, 1882.
- III. EMMA JANE, born July 21, 1860; married, June 29, 1886, Alfred F. Haskins. Children: 1. *Roger Abbott Haskins*, born Aug. 6, 1891; 2. *Ernest Pearl Haskins*, born April 4, 1893.



EDMUND BEMIS.

- IV. ALICE LILLIAN, born April 11, 1862; married, April 27, 1886, Elmer J. Adams. Children: 1. *Tracey Addison Adams*, born April 3, 1889; 2. *Arnold Bemis Adams*, born Jan. 27, 1891; resides in Jaffrey.



GILBERT C. BEMIS, son of Elijah, born June 23, 1830; married, Oct. 19, 1854, Ellen Sarah, born Feb. 18, 1836, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Pratt) Metcalf of Rindge. He died Feb. 4, 1892. One child:

- i. Charles Gilbert, born Sept. 23, 1864, in Jaffrey.

CALVIN BEMIS was the son of Jonathan Bemis of Marlborough, where he was born Jan. 27, 1798; married, March 14, 1822, Deborah, daughter of Asa and



CALVIN BEMIS.

Deborah (Sargent) Brewer; after his marriage they resided eight years in Swanzey, one year in Marlborough, twenty years in Rindge, and came to Troy in

1851, locating on the place now owned by Mrs. Abel Burpee. He was a man of sound judgment and universally respected. Mr. Bemis died in Troy, Aug. 9, 1872; his widow died in Fitzwilliam, July 17, 1882. Children:

- I. ELIZA, born Oct. 10, 1823; married, May 8, 1855, Calvin Hastings, born Nov. 25, 1817, son of Calvin and Polly (Baker) of Marlborough; resides in Keene.
- II. MARIA, born Jan. 24, 1826; married, March 31, 1847, Charles Perry of Fitzwilliam.
- III. MARY JANE, born April 9, 1835; married, Oct. 23, 1855, Leonard Wright.

JOHN U. BEERS was born April 8, 1829. He settled in Troy, Aug. 10, 1853. His father, John Spencer Beers, was born in Providence, R. I., in 1797, and moved to Orwell, Bradford County, Pa., about the year 1820. He married, Aug. 25, 1822, Sally Howe, and returned to Providence where he resided eight years, when he returned to Orwell. John U. resided with his parents till 1843, when he went to Brooklyn as an apprentice at the tanning business, and remained there until Nov. 27, 1847; the next year he worked at his trade in Ashby, Mass.; he went to Rindge in 1849, and married Marcia A. Woods, a native of that town, in 1850. After coming to Troy, he worked at his trade for Wright & Foster; later he removed to Hinsdale. Died in Whately, Mass., February, 1895. Mrs. Marcia A. Beers died Oct. 27, 1854, and he married, 2d, Myra A., daughter of Dea. Abel Baker, Dec. 10, 1856.

- I. JOHN ADDISON, born Dec. 5, 1851.
- II. CHARLES A., born Aug. 7, 1863; died Aug. 19, 1863.
- III. ARTHUR H., born Aug. 4, 1864.
- IV. WALTER S.

AGABUS BISHOP and wife, Rebecca, are said to have come from Wrentham, Mass., and settled here about 1778; he died Dec. 26, 1795. His widow was taxed in Fitzwilliam until 1802. They had ten children, all born before the family came here.

- I. REBECCA, married William Clark and settled on the farm formerly owned by John Godding, where they lived a few years, when they went West.

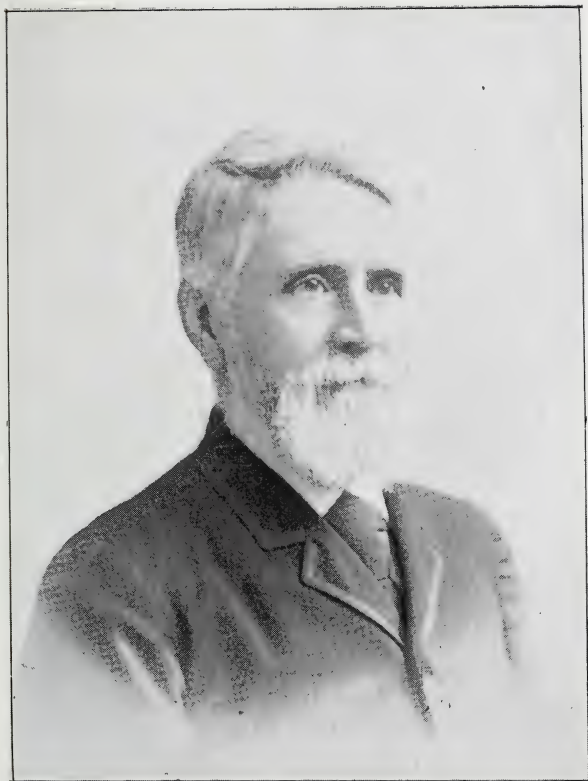
- II. DOLLY, married Nathaniel Buckland, Jr. They left town about 1797.
- III. HANNAH, married Robert Bowditch; lived in Vermont.
- IV. ABIGAIL, married Ezekiel Miles; resides in Wallingford, Vt.
- V. BETSEY, married Aaron Sparks; resides in Springfield, Vt.
- VI. LUCY, married Aaron Spofford; resides in Peru, New York or Vermont.
- VII. POLLY, married James C. Allen; resides in Wallingford, Vt.
- VIII. JESSE, married — Godding, a sister of Timothy and John, and settled near Thomas Clark's. Mrs. Godding died Sept. 6, 1790; he died Oct. 3, 1790.
- IX. AGABUS, married Rebecca Sweetland, probably a daughter of John Sweetland. One child, *Jesse*, born about 1792; married Lucinda, born 1799; died 1837, daughter of Jesse and Rose (Swift) Ballou of Richmond. Children: Smith, born Nov. 12, 1814; Betsey, born Aug. 10, 1818; Lois, born April 22, 1823; married Harrison Taft of Richmond. Troy records show that Jesse, son of Agabus and Rebecca Bishop was married Aug. 2, 1860, to Mrs. Prudence Thornton, daughter of Stephen and Olive White of Fitzwilliam; she was his fourth wife and he was her fourth husband.
- X. WILLIAM, died Feb. 6, 1831, aged 57 years; he married Betsey Jesup of Warwick, Mass.; she died Aug. 21, 1830, aged 57 years. Children: 1. *Hosea*, born July 3, 1803; 2. *George*, born Feb. 27, 1806; died July 10, 1828.

JOHN HERBERT BIGELOW, son of Charles Bigelow, was born in Fitzwilliam, Feb. 14, 1852; married, June 19, 1877, Mary Abby, born Nov. 27, 1850, daughter of David N. and Abigail R. (Alexander) Putney of Fitzwilliam. Has been station agent at Troy for about fifteen years.

- I. CHARLES IRWIN, born Aug. 20, 1879.

THOMAS A. BIRTWHISTLE was born in Halifax, England, May 29, 1830; married, 1st, June 23, 1852, Susannah Stocks, who died Jan. 16, 1884, aged 53 years; married, 2d, Feb. 17, 1885, Elizabeth Stocks, born Nov. 27, 1827, sister of his first wife. Mr. Birtwhistle came to America in 1854, staying a few months, but returned with his family in the fall of 1856, and settled in Massachusetts; came to Troy in 1869, and entered the employ of Troy Blanket Mills and has continued working for them up to the present time. He has been an industrious, temperate and upright citizen and has been able by these habits to accumulate some property, and has taken a deep interest in the affairs of the

town. Mrs. Birtwhistle died June 11, 1896, and he married, 3d, July 30, 1897, Mrs. Lucy A. Pike.



THOMAS A. BIRTWHISTLE.

- I. ELIZABETH ANN, born in Halifax, England, June 17, 1853; married Charles D. Farrar.
- II. ELLEN, born in Halifax, July 21, 1857; married, Aug. 29, 1881, Charles J. Shaw; resides in Ossipee, N. H. Children: 1. *Walter Jefferson Shaw*, born Aug. 14, 1883; 2. *Evelyn Elizabeth Shaw*, died 1885, aged 11 months; 3. *Louis Ethelbert Shaw*, born March 16, —; 4. *Franklin Aked Shaw*; 5. *Charles Leonard Shaw*.
- III. LOUIS WILLIAM, born in Marblehead, Mass., March 30, 1860; died August, 1860.

- IV. HARRIET MARIA, born in Marblehead, April 14, 1861; married, Aug. 20, 1889, Leonard E. Tilden of Marlborough.
- V. FREDERICK STOCKS, born in Saugus, Mass., Sept. 24, 1864.
- VI. ARTHUR HORSFALL, born in Saugus, May 15, 1867; died July 23, 1867.
- VII. ALFRED NEWTON, born in Saugus, August, 1869; died October, 1869.
- VIII. FRANCES HARTLEY, born in Troy, April 24, 1870; died Aug. 15, 1870.
- IX. MARY SUSANNAH, born June 7, 1871; died Aug. 9, 1871.

HARVEY BLANDING, son of Otis and Abigail (Barrus) Blanding, was born in Richmond, May 1, 1809; married, Dec. 3, 1835, Mary Perham, daughter of Zalmon and Phebe (Holt) Howe; died March 23, 1859; Mrs. Blanding died Nov. 6, 1879, aged 68. After coming to Troy, he worked for Charles Coolidge some time in his pail shop, and just before his marriage built the house in which he afterwards resided, and in 1849, built the shop now owned by C. A. Farrar, in which he manufactured pails until his death.

- I. MARY JANE, born April 3, 1837; married, April 20, 1858, James Robb.
- II. JOEL OSCAR, born Feb. 26, 1842.
- III. JANETTE ADELINE, born Nov. 11, 1846.

IRA BOYDEN, son of Eli Boyden, born in Chesterfield, April 18, 1801; married, Jan. 1, 1826, Thirza Coburn, and resided in Chesterfield and Winchester until March, 1839, when he came to Troy and built the house near the line between Troy and Marlborough, now owned by Charles F. Pope. In 1845, he moved to the village and purchased of Nathan Putney the house now owned by J. H. Bigelow, and later, in company with his son, bought the one now owned by W. J. Boyden, where he resided until near the close of his life. He was a carpenter and one of the most useful citizens. He died July 2, 1884; Mrs. Boyden died 1868.

- I. SARAH, born Feb. 9, 1827; died March 14, 1847.
- II. PERSIS H., born Jan. 20, 1829; married, Nov. 1, 1852, David E. Cutler of Newark, N. J.; Mr. Cutler died Jan. 6, 1869. Children:
  - 1. *Fred Albert Cutler*, born July 21, 1855; died April 14, 1856;
  - 2. *William P. Cutler*, born Dec. 6, 1858; married, June 14, 1886,
  - Adelaide Z. Young; 3. *Fred W. Cutler*, born Jan. 21, 1864; married, Sept. 29, 1886, Mary G. Gardinier.



- III. ALFONZO W., born Dec. 2, 1831; died Aug. 12, 1833.
- IV. WILLIAM JUDSON, born June 7, 1836; married, Oct. 6, 1863, Jane P. Aldrich of Richmond. Children: 1. *Lula A.*, born March 29, 1865; married, Jan. 6, 1892, Ernest H. Gates. One child, Ralph Ernest Gates, born Nov. 7, 1896; 2. *Harold E.*, born April 2, 1880.
- V. CHARLOTTE A., born July 29, 1838; married, Oct. 1, 1861, William Butler.

The Brewer family came from England, but at what time is not known. Their ancestry dates back to John Brewer, who married Anne —; had a son, James, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Rice; he had a son, James, born Sept. 10, 1675, and married: 1st, Elizabeth Grant, 2d, Abigail Smith, widow of Johnanna Singleton; they had a son, James, born July 27, 1703; married, Dec. 8, 1731, Mary Smith.

JAMES BREWER, the son of James, was born Oct. 28, 1746; married, Dec. 11, 1766, Mary Hoar. He came from East Sudbury, now Wayland, Mass., in 1768 or 1769. Mrs. Brewer died Nov. 27, 1826, and he died Nov. 21, 1832. They were buried in Swanzev on a little knoll nearly opposite the residence of Denman Thompson.

- I. ASA, born July 24, 1767.
- II. PERSIS, born July 22, 1771; married, Aug. 12, 1789, Silas Wheeler.
- III. JAMES, born June 10, 1779.
- IV. MARY, born Oct. 8, 1782.

ASA BREWER, son of James, became a resident in June, 1797; married, Aug. 25, 1794, Deborah, daughter of Samuel and Deborah (Sylvester) Sargent, born April 17, 1772, and settled in Roxbury. On coming here he located on the Enoch Garfield farm and afterwards on the Jonathan Clark farm, and some ten years later removed to Barton, Vt., where he died March 11, 1836; his widow died in Rindge, Aug. 2, 1845.

- I. POLLY, born Sept. 17, 1796; married, 1st, Jonathan Clark; married, 2d, Isaac Stowell.
- II. ASA, born May 9, 1798.
- III. DEBORAH, born April 10, 1800; married, March 14, 1822, Calvin Bemis.

- IV. SILAS, born April 10, 1802; married Lovina Woodward of Swanzev, and moved to Maiden Rock, Wis., where he died Nov. 27, 1880; his widow died in 1881.
- V. BETSEY, born March 10, 1807; married Benjamin Garey of Jaffrey.
- VI.-VII. Twins, infants, died Nov. 14, 1808.
- VIII. PERSIS, born Feb. 23, 1810; married Samuel Cross of Salem, N. H.; died July, 1858.

ASA BREWER, son of Asa, born May 9, 1798; died Sept. 4, 1863; married, 1st, June 8, 1820, Rachel, born Feb. 22, 1798, daughter of Joel and Betsey (Gibbs) Knight of Sudbury, Mass.; she died Nov. 28, 1828, and he married, 2d, Betsey Knight, born May 4, 1804, a sister of his first wife. After his marriage he located on the Jonathan Clark place and soon after purchased the farm afterwards owned by William Whitcomb, and a few months after moved to Fitzwilliam. Children born, I, II, in Troy, III, VII, in Fitzwilliam, VIII, IX, in Rindge, —four by 1st marriage, seven by 2d marriage.

- I. JOEL K., born Jan. 27, 1822; died Sept. 4, 1863; resided in Charlestown, Mass.
- II. JAMES, born Jan. 25, 1825; married Cynthia —, who died in Maine, Nov. 29. Resides in Topeka, Kansas.
- III. HARRIET, born March 27, 1827; died June 11, 1827.
- IV. GEORGE S., born Nov. 18, 1828; married, Sept. 24, 1851, Rusina, born Nov. 4, 1827; died Nov. 20, 1871, daughter of Reuben and Beatrice (Beard) Tarbell of Rindge; resides in Boston, Mass.
- V. GARDNER, born Oct. 11, 1829; married Marinda C., daughter of George W. Bryant; she died April 11, 1856, in Boston, aged 22 years, 9 months; resided in Charlestown, Mass.. Died at Burlington, Vt., 1897.
- VI. RACHEL, born April 10, 1833; died Oct. 2, 1853, unmarried.
- VII. HARRIET R., born June 3, 1835; married William H. Wheeler of Fitzwilliam.
- VIII. ELIZABETH A., born June 21, 1837; married, Dec. 2, 1864, Edwin S. Chase of Royalston; resides in Boston, Mass.
- IX. HENRY H., born March 19, 1841; resides in Philadelphia, Pa.
- X. CALVIN B., born Sept. 17, 1844; resides in Topeka, Kan.
- XI. EMERANCY H., born Dec. 29, 1846; married Thaddeus Cummings, Jan. 14, 1866; resides in Fitchburg, Mass.

HENRY S. BROWN was born in England, July 6, 1849; married, Oct. 7, 1867, Mary A. Weston, born in England. He came to Troy from Salisbury, Mass., in 1869, and was employed as a spinner by Troy Blanket

Mills until his death, which occurred July 9, 1881; drowned while bathing at Salisbury beach.

- I. HENRY JAMES, born Feb. 17, 1869; married, 1st, June 29, 1873, Lula A., daughter of Simeon and Nancy (Tupper) Merrifield; she died May 22, 1895; married, 2d, July 26, 1896, Emma J., daughter of Oliver P. and Ellen (Parker) Whitcomb. One child, *Hazel Vera*, born April 18, 1894; died Aug. 24, 1894.
- II. WALTER ELI, born Oct. 19, 1870.
- III. EMMA LOUISE, born March 28, 1872; married Joseph Jarvis.
- IV. BESSIE ADELLA, born Jan. 11, 1876; married, July 18, 1894, Fred A. Newton of Fitzwilliam. One child, *Robert Stafford Newton*, born May 11, 1895.
- V. ETHEL M., born Oct. 5, 1879; married, Nov. 16, 1893, Leon F. Marshall of Fitzwilliam, died March 9, 1895. One child, *Ethel M. Marshall*, born March 4, 1895.

LEMUEL BROWN was a native of Sudbury, Mass., and came here in 1823, purchasing the Daniel Cutting farm of Levi Daggett. He was accompanied by his father, Abel Brown, and a younger brother, Geo. W. Brown. He married Leafy Knight of Sudbury, born May 2, 1797; died Oct. 10, 1879. Mr. Brown resided on the place formerly owned by Calvin Barnard, on which he built a new house in 1832. For a short time he lived in an old house which stood southwest of this house.



LEMUEL BROWN.

- I. ALMIRA, born Oct. 6, 1818; married, March 27, 1842, Lyman Spooner.
- II. EMILY, born April 3, 1820; married, June 5, 1843, Gregory Lawrence.
- III. HARRIET, born Jan. 9, 1831; married, Nov. 5, 1850, Warren McClenathan; died Nov. 19, 1854.
- IV. CAROLINE, born Oct. 4, 1832; died Oct. 24, 1839.

- v. LEMUEL W., born October, 1835.
- vi. CHARLES W., born Jan. 31, 1839.

LEMUEL WARREN BROWN, son of Lemuel, born October, 1835; married, 1st, July 7, 1857, Sarah T. Bliss of Royalston, Mass., died July 27, 1880; married, 2d, Oct. 19, 1881, Mrs. Sarah Howe. He died August 30, 1890.

- i. NELLIE ELVIRA, born July 24, 1858; married, October, 1884, Frank E. Collett of Alston, Mass; died Feb. 14, 1885.
- ii. SARAH ABBIE, born April 22, 1860; married in 1883, Wilbur J. Bedell; resides in Hardwick, Vt.
- iii. WARREN C., born Nov. 13, 1873; married, July 4, 1894, Grace M. Carver of Nova Scotia.



CHARLES W. BROWN.

CHARLES W. BROWN, son of Lemuel, born Jan. 31, 1839; married, 1st, June 21, 1863, Martha J. Dyke of



Huntington, Vt., born Sept. 15, 1844, died Feb. 4, 1879; married, 2d, Jan. 4, 1882, Alice B. Barnard; she died July 30, 1884, and he married, 3d, May 13, 1891, Mrs. Clara L. Nutting, born August 2, 1854; Mr. Brown died Feb. 22, 1893. He lived on the homestead until about 1871, when he moved into the village, and about 1885, purchased the place now owned by his heirs, previously owned by Barrett Ripley. He was one of the selectmen in 1867, 1868 and 1869; representative in 1882, and served as moderator from 1885 until his death. He entered the employ of the Troy Blanket Mills in 1869, and remained until his death, being for several years assistant superintendent. Was for many years deacon and an honored and influential member of the Baptist church. Children all by first wife.

- I. FRANK L., born Sept. 20, 1867.
- II. LORETTA J., born Sept. 7, 1870; married, Dec. 21, 1892, Ernest R. Ball; resides in Bellows Falls. Children: 1. *Madeline Frances Ball*, born Oct. 30, 1893; 2. *Ralph Ball*, born July 1, 1895; 3. *Constance Ernestine Ball*, born Jan. 4, 1897.
- III. GRACE, born May 23, 1877.

GEORGE W. BROWN, son of Abel, born 1811; married, June 28, 1837, Mary, daughter of Edmund and Susannah (Graves) Bemis, and moved into a house he built the previous year and now owned by his son. Soon after this he built a shop near the house in which he turned bedposts, mortars and fancy dishes, later manufacturing washboards, mop handles and clothespins. Mr. Brown died April 29, 1880.

- I. GEORGE, born April 21, 1839.
- II. MARY E., born Oct. 17, 1843; married, August, 1866, Daniel Adams Field, born in Leverett, Mass., July 17, 1839; resides in Jaffrey.

GEORGE BROWN, son of George W., born April 21, 1839; married, Oct. 29, 1863, Nellie M. Converse of Keene.

- I. HENRY E., born Oct. 17, 1864; married, Oct. 25, 1890, Gertrude M., daughter of Webster and Mary (Oaks) Corey. One child, *George*, born Oct. 6, 1892; died Oct. 14, 1892.
- II. EVA M., born Dec. 13, 1866; married, July 14, 1887, George W. Tobias. Children: 1. *David Charles Tobias*, born Dec. 18, 1891; 2. *William Ennis Tobias*, born Jan. 3, 1893.
- III. ELBERTA G., born May 28, 1868; married, Dec. 21, 1886, Edwin B. Forristall; resides in Cambridgeport, Mass.



ERASTUS BROWN was a son of Asaph and Martha (Wilder), and grandson of Samuel and Lovina (Bruce). He was born in Winchendon, May 2, 1808; married, Sept. 29, 1832, Alfreda, born Sept. 4, 1808, died Feb. 6, 1873, daughter of Ezekiel Thompson of Swansey. For some time previous to his marriage he resided in Rindge, but from 1830 to 1840, he lived in Fitzwilliam, coming to Troy in 1841. He was a blacksmith by trade and made edge tools in the shop afterwards occupied by A. W. Baker, which was the old curry shop belonging to the tannery. He died Sept. 17, 1845, from injuries received in his mill. The following is from an obituary notice published at the time. "The death of Mr. Brown was occasioned by an injury which he received at his mill. Owing to a defect in the floor, he fell, his arm became entangled in the machinery and was crushed in a shocking manner; amputation at the shoulder joint became necessary. But this did not avail to save his life. After some forty-eight hours of intense suffering, which was borne with patience and Christian fortitude, he died. Mr. Brown was an honest man and a Christian. His life was above reproach."

- I. MARIA A., born in Fitzwilliam, Nov. 4, 1833; married Chaney N. Garfield; died April 16, 1866.
- II. MARTHA J., born in Fitzwilliam, Sept. 10, 1837; died Nov. 4, 1838.
- III. HENRY J., born in Fitzwilliam, Feb. 25, 1840; married, July 20, 1870, Ann M. Holt; resides in Cleveland, Ohio. Children: 1. *Ernest B.*, born June 7, 1874; 2. *Waldo H.*, born Sept. 27, 1878; died July 24, 1882.
- IV. HELEN J., born in Fitzwilliam, Feb. 25, 1840; married Moses E. Wright.
- V. MARTHA A., born in Troy, Sept. 11, 1843; married, 1st, David W. Capron; married, 2d, Jan. 19, 1882, Ashel G. Sprague of Keene.

IRVING BROOKS, son of Ira and Rebecca E. (Wilder) Brooks, born in Ashburnham, Mass., June 1, 1842; married, June 28, 1882, Mrs. Emma J. Gee, daughter of Harvey S. Gates.

- I. ELROSE IRVING, born Sept. 9, 1884.

JOHN BRUCE, with his wife Mary (Joslin) and eight children, came from Sudbury, Mass., about 1775. He died June

3, 1779, aged 50 years, "killed by logs at sawmill; lived about thirty hours." But little can be obtained about his family or descendants.

- I. LUCY, married Daniel Farrar; died Aug. 20, 1830.
- II. POLLY, married John Moore of Warwick, Mass.
- III. LYDIA, married William Nurse, April 27, 1780.
- IV. ESTHER, married David White, Aug. 2, 1787; died Sept. 27, 1839.
- V. WILLIAM, married, Dec. 11, 1781, Abigail Gould; he died March 13, 1811, aged 50 years, from boards falling on him; he lived and died on the Franklin Woodward farm.
- VI. JOHN, died young.
- VII. THOMAS, married a daughter of Ichabod Shaw.
- VIII. CYRUS, married Betsey Moore and settled in Vermont.

ABEL J. BURPEE was born in Sterling, Mass., Oct. 3, 1825; married, Sept. 10, 1861, Mrs. Roancy A. (Porter) Piper, who was born in Jaffrey, July 16, 1822. Came to Troy in 1862, and bought of the Calvin Bemis heirs the place where he lived until his death, Feb. 6, 1896.

- I. WALTER F., born in Marlborough, April 12, 1862; married, Dec. 31, 1885, Susie M. Perham.

WILLIAM BUTLER was born in Chesterfield, Oct. 10, 1838; married, Oct. 1, 1861, Charlotte A. Boyden. Mr. Butler resided for many years in the house now owned by J. H. Bigelow, and was employed in various capacities as a salesman. A few years since he removed to Arlington, Mass., his present residence.

- I. CORA MABEL, born in Troy, June 6, 1862.
- II. GERTRUDE AUGUSTA, born in Richmond, April 19, 1864; married, June 6, 1894, Charles H. Swan; resides in Arlington, Mass.
- III. WILLIAM HURLBUTT, born in Troy, March 23, 1869.

JOSEPH BUTLER, born probably in Bolton, Mass., June 2, 1767; married Parna Temple, born Nov. 22, 1770; died in Troy, May 22, 1832. He located first in Bolton, where he lived for about eighteen years after his marriage. He came here about 1806, and bought of Rufus Russell, a farm southeast of Simon Butler's, which was formerly on an old road leading from Silas Fife's to Hugh Thompson's. They resided there about thirty years when they removed to Marlborough, where he died March 28, 1844.

- I. BETSEY, born Sept. 28, 1791; married Elias Mann; died in Jaffrey.

- II. AMOS, born Dec. 13, 1792.
- III. JOSEPH, born March 10, 1794; married Polly Mason of Swanzey.
- IV. OLIVE, born Oct. 11, 1795; married Simon Butler.
- V. ABIGAIL, born June 3, 1798; married Levi Daggett; lived in Rindge.
- VI. LUCY, born June 3, 1800; married Elijah Bemis.
- VII. ASA, born June 15, 1802.
- VIII. JABEZ, born Nov. 14, 1803.
- IX. LEVI, born July 7, 1809; married, Nov. 11, 1827, Sophia Sargent of Lancaster; removed to Oxford, Mass.; died in 1880. Children:  
1. *Louisa*; married William Gordon; 2. *Ellen S.*, married Francis Larkin.

AMOS BUTLER, son of Joseph, married Mary Sargent, born in Lancaster, Mass., Dec. 13, 1801, came to Troy about 1819 or 1820; lived here two or three years, then removed to Marlborough where they resided until 1834, when they removed to Plymouth, Vt., where he died March 19, 1862.

- I. HAMPLETON ERWIN, born in Lancaster, May 9, 1817; married, December, 1855, Mary Williams of Reading, Vt.; he was a machinist; died in Plymouth, Vt., in 1865.
- II. AMOS ORSON, born in Troy, Aug. 28, 1818; died in Shrewsbury, Mass., July 28, 1829.
- III. ELMIRA, born in Troy, Feb. 16, 1820; married, 1840, Amos W. Dike; she died in Plymouth, Vt., Dec. 8, 1844.
- IV. CORDELIA, born in Marlborough, Dec. 10, 1822; died in Plymouth, Vt., Dec. 8, 1869.
- V. GEORGE APPLETON, born in Marlborough, March 22, 1825; died Sept. 28, 1826.
- VI. SUSAN ABIGAIL, born in Marlborough, April 14, 1827; married, Oct. 4, 1854, David Boyd; resides in Plymouth, Vt.
- VII. STEPHEN MERRICK, born in Shrewsbury, Mass., Feb. 21, 1831; married, Oct. 29, 1860, Ellen A. Williams, who died in November, 1864.
- VIII. FREDERICK AUSTIN, born in Lancaster, Mass., March 11, 1834; married, March 26, 1860, Julia Pollard of Bridgewater, Vt.; is a carpenter; resides in Plymouth, Vt.
- IX. S. M. WEBSTER, born in Lancaster, Mass., Dec. 27, 1836; resides in Plymouth.
- X. FITZHARLAN H., born in Plymouth, Vt., Feb. 4, 1840; married, Feb. 4, 1863, Angie Johnson of Plymouth; removed to Stratton, Vt., where he was ordained a Freewill Baptist minister, Dec. 12, 1865.

ASA BUTLER, son of Joseph, married, April 2, 1826, Julia, daughter of Simcon and Lucy Butler; resided in St. Augustine, Ills., where he died.

- I. ELI H., born July 7, 1827; resides in Worcester, Mass.
- II. FANNIE, born April 8, 1833; married A. O. Wheeler of Troy; resides in Illinois.
- III. MARY, born Aug. 22, 1834; married Nathaniel Bourn of Richmond; resides in Illinois.

JABEZ BUTLER, son of Joseph, married, 1st, Betsey Boyden of Chesterfield; she died Aug. 30, 1867, and he married, 2d, Feb. 11, 1869, Mary Ann, daughter of Luke and Polly (Whitney) Harris; resided in Plymouth, Vt., where he died Jan. 14, 1889. Children by first wife.

- I. OTIS P., born 1830; resides in Rindge.
- II. JASON, born 1832; died young.
- III. AMBROSE, served in the United States army; since died.
- IV. ANGIE, married W. Guild of Shrewsbury, Vt.
- V. OMAR D.; died in the United States service.

SIMON BUTLER, a native of Lancaster, Mass., married, March 5, 1817, Olive, daughter of Joseph and Parna (Temple) Butler, and settled in Marlborough. He came here in 1820, and resided six years, then returned to Marlborough, where he remained ten years; but in 1837, he came to Troy again and located on the farm first purchased and where he lived until his death, March 20, 1869; his wife died Jan. 8, 1870.

- I. LOVELL P., born Nov. 14, 1817; died Nov. 24, 1891, unmarried.
- II. SIMON OLIVER, born March 30, 1819.
- III. ALGERNON SIDNEY, born Sept. 23, 1822.
- IV. CHARLES, born Jan. 25, 1826.
- V. IRA MELVIN BROAD, born Dec. 5, 1829.
- VI. MARY JANE, born Nov. 9, 1835; married, 1st, Nov. 14, 1850, Edward F. Starkey; he died April 28, 1859; she married, 2d, March 29, 1869, M. A. Dickerman, born in Mt. Holly, Vt., Sept. 22, 1829; died April 7, 1897.

SIMON OLIVER BUTLER, son of Simon, born March 30, 1819; married, April 12, 1854, Ruth E. Haskell of Oakham, Mass. He moved from Troy to Marlborough, March 2, 1858, where he resided until April 1, 1861, when he removed to Holden, Mass., and later to Oakham, where he now resides.

- I. CLARA P., born in Troy, June 7, 1856; died Feb. 8, 1857.
- II. HENRY N., born in Marlborough, May 27, 1858; married, Sept. 19, 1885, Emma Gould of North Brookfield, Mass.

- III. OLIVE MARIA, born in Marlborough, Dec. 19, 1859; married Charles F. Howard of Orange, Mass.; died Dec. 22, 1889.
- IV. GEORGE S., born in Oakham, Dec. 4, 1863.
- V. SARAH E. N., born Oct. 5, 1867.

CHARLES BUTLER, son of Simon, born Jan. 25, 1826; married, 1st, Sarah P. Haskell, who died Sept. 13, 1856; he married, 2d, Nov. 19, 1857, Maria L. Haskell; he died June 5, 1892; he resided in Oakham, Mass.

- I. BERTHA EDNA, born Nov. 14, 1871.

ALGERNON SIDNEY BUTLER, son of Simon, born Sept. 23, 1822; married, 1st, March 4, 1847, Harriet Goddard of Rindge, who was born in Athol, Jan. 30, 1820; died May 22, 1861; married, 2d, Mary Darling. For some time after their marriage they resided in Troy, then moved to Rindge, where they remained until 1855, then returned to Troy and lived on the Elijah Bemis farm until he removed to Jaffrey, his present residence.

- I. LYSANDER SIDNEY, born Jan. 21, 1848; married Louise A. Watson, June 4, 1868; died at Worcester, Mass., July, 1872. Children: 1. *Albert*, born in Keene, 1869; died young; 2. *Everett Sidney*, born July 10, 1872.
- II. ELLA HARRIET, born June 9, 1854; married Luke Parkhurst.
- III. MARIETTA IDELLA, born Dec. 15, 1858; married Alfred F. Clark.
- IV. EVELINE CAROLINE, born Dec. 17, 1865; married David Frye.

IRA M. B. BUTLER, son of Simon, born Dec. 5, 1829; married, 1st, Sept. 25, 1854, Eliza J. White of Fitzwilliam. Mrs. Butler died Aug. 29, 1867; and he married, 2d, March 29, 1869, Rebecca Jane Ross of Dublin; she died May 28, 1873; married, 3d, Aug. 19, 1873, Louisa Wilder of Winchendon.

- I. LESTER, born in Fitzwilliam, Dec. 18, 1860; married, Feb. 15, 1887, Ilura M. Beckett of Webster, Mass. One child, *Myrtle Alyuna*, born Oct. 24, 1887.
- II. WILLIE A., born Dec. 1, 1865; died Aug. 7, 1871.

DANIEL BUTTRICK was a descendant of Samuel Buttrick of Concord, Mass., who was one of the early settlers of that town, and who late in life gave to each of his six sons a farm near the center of the town. He was the son of Daniel and Eunice Buttrick, and was born in Winchendon, Jan. 23, 1783; married, Dec. 23, 1810,



Mary, daughter of William Knight of Fitzwilliam. Daniel, the father, was born May 13, 1748, and died May 17, 1848, at the age of 100 years and four days. The subject of this sketch settled in Marlborough about 1819, and for several years tended the toll-gate on the south turnpike. He removed to Troy in 1831, locating on a farm he had previously purchased of the administrator of the estate of Josiah, son of David Wheeler, which is the place now occupied by Samuel A. Mason. He died March 31, 1860; his widow died Oct. 7, 1879, aged 90.

- I. EUNICE, born Sept. 26, 1811; married, Dec. 11, 1834, Stillman Woodward; died April 1, 1866.
- II. EDWIN, born June 18, 1813.
- III. DANIEL, born Oct. 4, 1814; died March 25, 1815.
- IV. MARY ANN, born Jan. 11, 1816; married, Nov. 9, 1837, Alton Blodgett; resides, a widow, in Fitchburg.
- V. MARTHA C., born Jan. 18, 1818; married, Feb. 15, 1837, Osgood Colleston, who died Feb. 28, 1873; and she married, 2d, Lucius Aldrich; resides in Fitchburg.
- VI. MARIA K., born Jan. 18, 1848; married, Feb. 16, 1837, Harrington Sibley; resides in Fitchburg.
- VII. LYDIA R., born Feb. 4, 1820; married Walter Hayward; resides in Fitchburg.

EDWIN BUTTRICK, son of Daniel, born June 18, 1813; married, 1st, March 31, 1835, Lucy Wetherbee of Swanzev; Mrs. Buttrick died Oct. 28, 1884, and he married, 2d, Nov. 23, 1886, Mrs. Maria Wheeler; he died April 24, 1892. He resided with his father for about two years after his marriage; afterwards he bought the Flint place, to which he removed and remained two years. In 1845 he formed a partnership with Capt. Solomon Goddard for the manufacture of pails, and the following year bought of John Whittemore the brick house built by him and in which he continued to reside until his second marriage. He continued the manufacture of wooden ware with Mr. Goddard until the death of the latter in 1854, and continued in the business until his death, a portion of the time conducting the business alone, and later in company with his son-in-law, Asa C. Dort. He was

for many years an honored and influential member of the Congregational church and was one of its deacons for nearly twenty-eight years. He was a member of



EDWIN BUTTRICK.

the Legislature for three terms, in 1859, 1860 and 1884, and was also a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1889.

- I. WARREN, born Sept. 27, 1840; died Jan. 5, 1843.
- II. ELLEN ANN, born April 12, 1844; married, Dec. 27, 1865, Asa C. Dort.

CAPRON. The numerous families in New England of the name of Capron, are supposed to be the descendants of Banfield Capron, who is said to have been a native of

Chester, a large seaport town in the north of England. He came to America, probably about 1660. He married soon after and settled in Barrington, Mass., where he lived about twenty years, removing to Attleborough where he lived until his death in 1752. He was thrice married and had twelve children, eleven of whom lived to marry and have families.

Jonathan Capron, second son of Jonathan and Rebecca (Morse) Capron, married Alice Alden and came to this region quite early, pursuing his trade as a blacksmith. He had nine children, Jonathan, Thankful, Margaret, Walter, Charles, David, John, Putnam, Rebecca.

JONATHAN CAPRON, son of Jonathan and Alice (Alden) Capron, settled in Marlborough, and afterwards came to Troy, building a house near the David W. Farrar place. He was a blacksmith and his shop was on the land now owned by Mrs. S. E. Harris, north of the Congregational church. He worked there some ten or fifteen years and then went to Vermont. He had twelve children.

- I. ZERUIAH, married, 1st, Amasa Converse; married, 2d, Enoch White.
- II. ELI.
- III. LOIS, married Josiah Ingalls of Fitzwilliam.
- IV. STEPHEN.
- V. CYRUS.
- VI. SARAH, married John Peak.
- VII. ALICE, married Shuabel Plympton.
- VIII. HANNAH, married Martin.
- IX. NANCY.
- X. PHILINDA.
- XI. JONATHAN.
- XII. PATIENCE, married — Chapin.

JAMES CAPRON, born in Winchester, March 16, 1808; married, Nov. 1, 1832, Sophronia, daughter of Isaac and Abigail Aldrich, and located in Jaffrey. He was a shoemaker and learned his trade of James L. Sanborn of Concord. He resided a short time in Troy, Keene, Marlborough and Swanzey, in succession, but returned to Troy in 1846 and resided here until his death,

occupying the same shop for thirty-six years, and was a very industrious man all his life. Mrs. Capron died April 3, 1871; he died Jan. 4, 1882.

- I. FOSTER, born Sept. 29, 1833; died in 1837.
- II. JOSEPH FOSTER, born June 9, 1837.
- III. GEORGE I., born Nov. 25, 1841; died Nov. 17, 1868.
- IV. DAVID W., born Feb. 6, 1847; married, May 5, 1868, Martha A., daughter of Erastus Brown; died July 9, 1870.

JOSEPH F. CAPRON, son of James Capron, born June 9, 1837; married, Dec. 1, 1863, Sarah E., daughter of Josiah and Betsey B. (Putney) Amadon. Died Feb. 13, 1892.

- I. DORA L., born Oct. 10, 1865; died June 5, 1873.
- II. GRACE ELIZABETH, born Dec. 19, 1872; married, Sept. 24, 1892, Frank J. Bemis of Marlborough; resides in Madbury, N. H. One child, *Harriet Elizabeth Bemis*, born May 11, 1895.

CHARLES CARPENTER was born May 19, 1808; married, Nov. 16, 1837, Elvira Wadsworth of Roxbury, and settled in the Bailey Starkey house. He was a descendant of William Carpenter, who came over from England and settled in Rehoboth in 1640, and a few years later removed to Woodstock, Conn. William's grandson, Eliphalet, married and settled in Woodstock, and had children, one of whom, Ebenezer, settled in Keene, and his son, Ebenezer, was the father of Charles. Ebenezer Carpenter, married Parmelia



CHARLES CARPENTER.

Ames, who was born in Sudbury, Mass. Ebenezer Carpenter died in Troy, Feb. 14, 1870; his wife died

April 27, 1872. On coming to Troy, Mr. Carpenter worked for Charles Coolidge in his pail shop until 1849, when he bought a house and mill of Horatio Lawrence. Soon after this he enlarged the mill which was situated near the present Troy Blanket Mills and commenced the manufacture of rakes, which he carried on for a number of years and in which business he was successful. He died Nov. 2, 1865; his widow died Oct. 1, 1889.

- I. Daughter, born Jan. 16 and died Jan. 18, 1839.
- II. MARY ELIZABETH, born Feb. 7, 1841; married, Feb. 7, 1860, William Galatin Hurlbutt.
- III. MARIA LOUISA, born Sept. 3, 1843; died May 4, 1853.
- IV. CHARLES WADSWORTH, born June 9, 1845; died May 9, 1850.
- V. SARAH ELVIRA, born May 2, 1850; married, Feb. 13, 1868, Lyman W. Platts; resides in South Gardner, Mass.
- VI. SUSAN PARMELIA, born June 14, 1853; died Oct. 17, 1862.
- VII. ESTHER MARIA, born April 14, 1857; died Oct. 5, 1862.

DANIEL GOSS CARTER, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Goss) Carter was born Sept. 6, 1814; married, 1st, Aug. 26, 1844, Elizabeth Wright, died in February, 1854; married, 2d, Oct. 30, 1854, Hannah Lovina, widow of Jonathan Clark, and daughter of Luna and Hannah (White) Starkey; died Sept. 13, 1864. Mrs. Carter died Sept. 9, 1878. Children, i, ii, by 1st marriage, iii, vi, by 2d marriage.

- I. MARY FRANCES, born April 30, 1845.
- II. MARGARET FLORENCE, born Oct. 26, 1846; married, Oct. 24, 1864, Frederick H. Haskell.
- III. DANIEL G., born June 9, 1855.
- IV. NETTIE L., born July 24, 1858; died Oct. 9, 1863.
- V. HATTIE M., born June 8, 1860; married, July 6, 1881, Henry L. Barker, born in Charlestown, N. H., July 23, 1851; resides in Newport, N. H. Children: 1. *Harry Lewis Barker*, born in Charlestown, June 28, 1882; 2. *Willie Melvin Barker*, born in Claremont, Jan. 26, 1883; 3. *Minnie Josephine Barker*, born in Claremont, March 12, 1885.
- VI. MINNIE L., born Aug. 23, 1862.

ABIAL MOORE CAVERLY, son of Solomon and Sarah (Moore) Caverly, born in Canterbury, Nov. 28, 1817; married, 1st, March 25, 1845, Caroline, daughter of Thomas Ames of Canterbury. Mrs. Caverly died Feb.



2, 1851; and he married, 2d, Nov. 30, 1854, Sarah L., daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Nurse) Goddard. Died in Pittsford, Vt., 1879, where his widow still resides.

- I. CHARLES Solomon, born Sept. 30, 1856. Is a physician in Rutland, Vermont.
- II. CAROLINE AMES, born May 29, 1858; married H. H. Swift, M. D.; resides in Pittsford.

CHARLES S. CAVERLY, son of Abial M., born Sept. 30, 1856; married, November, 1885, Mabel A. Tuttle of



CHARLES S. CAVERLY, M. D.

Rutland, Vt. After 1862, he spent his early life in Pittsford, Vt., to which place his father removed from Troy. He obtained his preliminary education at Brandon, Vt., high school and at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H., graduating from the latter institution in 1874. He entered Dartmouth College, graduating in the class of '78. Commenced the study of medicine

under the instruction of his father, and after his death continuing his studies with Dr. M. Goldsmith of Rutland, Vt. He attended lectures at the medical department of the University of Vermont, and was graduated M. D. in 1881; also attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the city of New York, 1881-82, besides several courses under private instruction in the same city. He commenced the practice of medicine at Rutland, Jan. 1, 1883, and has continued there to the present time. Dr. Caverly is a member and in 1891-92 was president of the Vermont Medical Society; member and in 1891-92 president of the Rutland County Medical and Surgical Society; member of the American Medical Association; American Public Health Association, and of the Rutland Medical Club; member of and for the past six years president of the Vermont State Board of Health. Was the first health officer of the village of Rutland, holding the office for three terms; served about three years as assistant surgeon of the First Vermont Regiment, National Guard, resigning in 1889. Is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a member of the board of directors of the Rutland Hospital. He has made a special study of diseases of the throat, nose and lungs, and has presented numerous papers to the medical societies of which he is a member, many of them being published in their transactions.

I. HARLEY T., born March, 1887.

CHARLES N. CHASE, son of David and Betsey, born Aug. 23, 1832; married, Sept. 5, 1854, Augusta B., daughter of Caleb and Polly (White) Sweetser of Fitzwilliam. For a few years after locating in Troy, he was employed in the service of Turner & Goodall, and later worked in the pail shops. Resides in Winchendon. Children born in Troy.

I. ALANSON EUGENE, born Aug. 16, 1856; died April 18, 1884.

II. ARTHUR HERMON, born July 18, 1860.

THOMAS CLARK came from Wrentham, Mass., in 1778 and settled on land which he bought of Thomas Tolman,

and where he died in 1818. His children were probably all born here.

- I. WILLIAM; went West.
- II. MARTHA, married — Wing, and lived in the state of New York.
- III. THOMAS, born Jan. 18, 1779.
- IV. BETSEY; killed by lightning, August, 1795, aged 17 years.
- V. POLLY.
- VI. SALLY, married — Sargent and lived in Vermont.
- VII. JONATHAN.

THOMAS CLARK, JR., son of Thomas, married, March 2, 1802, Roena Phillips of Richmond, born Feb. 15, 1784, and settled on the home farm formerly belonging to his son, Alvah S., where he died Oct. 14, 1856. Mrs. Clark died June 7, 1857.

- I. HOWARD, born Jan. 14, 1803.
- II. FULLER, born Oct. 26, 1804.
- III. LOUISA, born May 7, 1807; died Dec. 2, 1832.
- IV. LUKE C., born Aug. 22, 1809.
- V. LOVINA, born Nov. 8, 1812; died Aug. 2, 1816.
- VI. LYMAN T., born April 29, 1817; was burned to death Dec. 4, 1834.
- VII. WILLIAM, born May 5, 1822; died April 2, 1823.
- VIII. ALVAH S., born Aug. 29, 1824.

JONATHAN CLARK, son of Thomas, born June 3, 1788; married Mary, daughter of James and Mary Brewer, and resided in Keene until near the close of 1824, when he returned to Troy and purchased the farm upon which his father-in-law Brewer had lived, where he resided until his death, Aug. 20, 1850.

- I. ASA, born Sept. 4, 1814; married, 1837, Martha Howe of Fitzwilliam; resides in Oregon.
- II. JONATHAN, born April 10, 1816; married, Oct. 22, 1840, Hannah Lovina, daughter of Luna and Hannah (White) Starkey; died in South Orange, Mass., Oct. 14, 1852. Children: 1. *Hannah V.*, born April 9, 1842; died Jan. 19, 1843; 2. *Benjamin F.*, born Jan. 21, 1844; married, Oct. 18, 1882, Susan A., born Jan. 25, 1850, daughter of Daniel and Lucy May of Winchendon, Mass. One child, Grace E., born in Rindge, Nov. 21, 1883; 3. *Martha A.*, born June 3, 1845; died April 9, 1846.
- III. BETSEY, born Sept. 20, 1820; married Bailey Starkey.
- IV. WILLIAM, born June 8, 1825; married, 1851, Martha Bowles.
- V. DANIEL W., born Feb. 25, 1831; married Maria Whitney of Swanzey.
- VI. HENRY C., born March 8, 1838.

HOWARD CLARK, son of Thomas, Jr., born Jan. 14, 1803, married, Dec. 23, 1827, Dolly, born June 13, 1805, daughter of Jonathan and Delila (Rhodes) Bemis of Marlborough. They first located in Bethlehem, N. H., removed to Swanzey in March, 1830, and in 1841 came to Troy, purchasing of Abner Haskell the farm, which he afterward sold to his son Howard T., and moved to the village. He died April 16, 1874; his widow died March 2, 1888.

- I. JONATHAN B., born Aug. 22, 1828; married, March, 1855, Amanda Derby.
- II. BETSEY L., born Sept. 19, 1830; married, 1st, Sept. 19, 1862, Appleton B. Hubbard; he died Sept. 29, 1862; and she married, 2d, Feb. 2, 1868, Houghton Lawrence.
- III. HOWARD T., born Jan. 12, 1834; married, Oct. 20, 1855, Sarah E. Nott of Barnett, Vt. Divorced; married, 2d, March 7, 1884, Mary Ann, daughter of James and Jane (Wilson) Mitchell.
- IV. HARVEY A., born Aug. 7, 1838; married, Feb. 4, 1862, Sophronia A., daughter of William and Caroline Perham; resides in Fitzwilliam. Children: 1. *William Perham*, born Aug. 24, 1866; 2. *Emily D.*, born Aug. 13, 1871; died Aug. 26, 1871.
- V. HARRIET A., born Aug. 7, 1838; married, July 11, 1876, Philip Boyce, born Feb. 9, 1827.
- VI. MARY, born Dec. 25, 1841; married, Sept. 3, 1863, George F. Sargent of Rutland, Vt.; resides in Iowa. Children: 1. *Arthur H. Sargent*; 2. *Grace E. Sargent*.

FULLER CLARK, son of Thomas, born Oct. 26, 1804; married, February, 1830, Adaline, daughter of Asa and Eunice (Williams) Porter of Marlborough.

- I. ASA LOVELL, born Aug. 2, 1831; died Dec. 27, 1854.
- II. JOSEPHINE L., born Dec. 25, 1834; unmarried.
- III. CHARLES L., born Feb. 9, 1839; married, 1st, Dec. 2, 1863, Mary E. Farnum; she died April 17, 1864; and he married, 2d, Ellen L. Whitney of Westminster, Mass.
- IV. ALFRED L., born May 9, 1845; married, June 8, 1882, Marietta I., daughter of Algernon Sidney and Harriet (Goddard) Butler; resides in Jaffrey. Children: 1. *Josephine Ellen*, born June 1, 1884; 2. *Estella Minetta*, born Feb. 7, 1888; 3. *Harold Clifford*, born June 17, 1891.

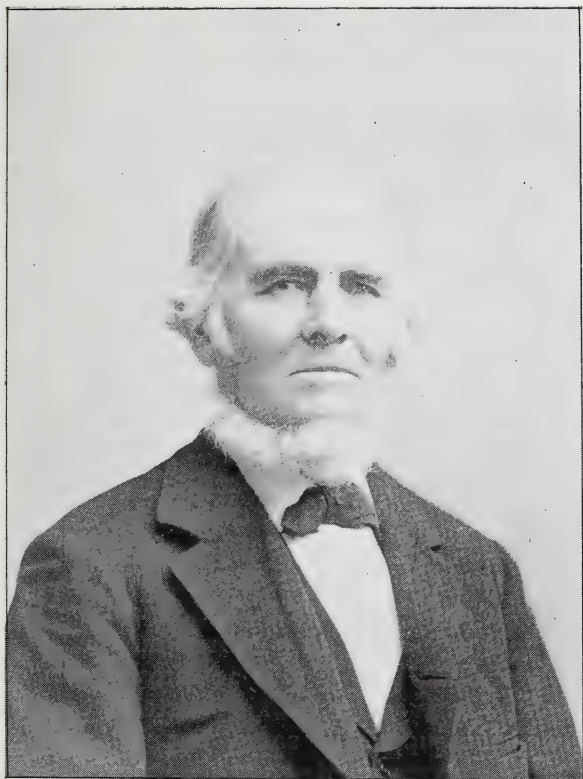
LUKE C. CLARK, son of Thomas, Jr., born Aug. 22, 1809; married, Feb. 21, 1839, Abigail S., born July 20, 1814, daughter of David and Betsey (Damon) Lowe.

- I. LYMAN T., born Oct. 22, 1839; married, 1st, May 6, 1863, Mary L.; born Dec. 25, 1838, daughter of Isaac and Betsey (Andrews) Briggs. He died Aug. 10, 1876; and his widow married, 2d, March 16, 1880, Orrin H. Peck. Children: 1. *Ada Louisa*, born March 10, 1864; married, Dec. 13, 1885, William H. Briggs of Stoneham, Mass.; 2. *George Hubert*, born Feb. 14, 1867; married, Sept. 28, 1892, Jessie Morey; resides in Worcester, Mass.; 3. *Annie Laura*, born Dec. 18, 1870; married Artemus O. Peck; 4. *Lyman P.*, born Sept. 25, 1872; died Sept. 10, 1873; 5. *Bessie M. A.*, born June 1, 1874; 6. *Adelaide Estella*, born Aug. 26, 1876.
- II. GEORGE W., born Jan. 16, 1844; died Jan. 1, 1864.
- III. FRANCIS L., born April 16, 1843; married, Jan. 22, 1871, Susan, born Jan. 22, 1844, daughter of Herman and Bathsheba (Cobleigh) Fisher; resides in Fitzwilliam. Children: 1. *Martin Luke*, born March 6, 1873; 2. *Grace Alice*, born Oct. 24, 1877.
- IV. CHARLES DAVID, born Dec. 29, 1845; married, Oct. 6, 1869, Fanny Rozell, born in Wendell, Mass., May 26, 1844, daughter of Amos and Fanny (Tenney) Baker; she died July 22, 1893; resides in Fitzwilliam. Children: 1. *Edward Charles*, born July 20, 1872; 2. *Winford Samuel*, born Nov. 25, 1876; 3. *Lolie Rozell*, born Oct. 9, 1879; 4. *Floyd Elmore*, born Nov. 26, 1886.
- V. ABBIE E., born Aug. 8, 1851; married, Aug. 8, 1889, Charles R. Applin. Children: 1. *PHILO CASS*, born Aug. 3, 1891; 2. *Archie Waldo*, born Jan. 23, 1895.
- VI. WARREN N., born May 7, 1858; married, July 14, 1883, Etta A., daughter of Orrin H. and Hattie (Cheney) Peck. Children: 1. *Chester Warren*, born April 24, 1884; 2. *Flora Augusta*, born April 28, 1885; 3. *Florence Abigail*, born April 28, 1885; 4. *Bertha Mabel*, born March 15, 1887; 5. *Ada Loretta*, born July 12, 1889.

ALVAH S. CLARK is the sixth son of Thomas, and soon after his marriage settled on the John Farrar farm which was purchased of Oren Brooks, exchanging therefor the original farm in the southwestern part of the town. He has devoted his time principally to farming and lived upon this farm until 1883, when he moved to the village, purchasing the location and building the house where he now resides. Mr. Clark became a member of the Baptist church early in life and has been one of its most active and influential members, having served the church as deacon for nearly thirty-eight years. He was selectman in 1873, 1874 and 1875, and also in 1897, and was collector of taxes



for several years. He was a member of the Legislature in 1897, serving upon the committee on roads, bridges and canals. He was born Aug. 29, 1824;



ALVAH S. CLARK.

married, March 19, 1850, Serepta A., born in Framingham, Mass., Jan. 4, 1829, daughter of Oren and Julia Ann (Wright) Brooks.

- I. LOUISA J., born April 23, 1851; died April 22, 1860.
- II. HARRIET M., born May 15, 1852; died Aug. 17, 1876.
- III. Son, born May 29, 1853; died May 30, 1853.
- IV. Daughter, born May 29, 1853; died June 30, 1853.
- V. MARY E., born June 26, 1855; died July 27, 1876.
- VI. CLARA A., born Sept. 16, 1856; died July 23, 1876.
- VII. SARAH E., born Sept. 17, 1859; died Aug. 30, 1886.

- VIII. IDA M., born June 18, 1861; died July 25, 1876.
- IX. OLIVE J., born Nov. 28, 1862; died Aug. 4, 1876.
- X. HENRY, born April 14, 1864; died May 11, 1864.
- XI. WILLIAM T., born Dec. 11, 1865; died Aug. 12, 1876.
- XII. MARTHA A., born Oct. 11, 1867; died July 29, 1876.

EARLE CLARK was born in Roxbury, N. H., Nov. 12, 1814; married, June 25, 1854, Eliza W., born in Oakham, Mass., Nov. 14, 1817, daughter of Elnathan and Eliza (Wheeler) Gorham. He settled in Troy soon after his marriage, where he died Dec. 26, 1882.

- I. JENNIE GORHAM, born Oct. 16, 1856; married Henry M. Whittemore.

JOHN CLEMENT, born Aug. 7, 1821; married, May 1, 1844, Mary Woodbury, born Aug. 13, 1826, daughter of John and Betsey (Crosby) Cutter of Jaffrey, and resided in Campton two years, in Charlestown, Mass., one year, returning to Campton in 1847, from which place he came here. He was a grandson of John Clement, who was born in 1775, married and settled in Center Harbor, and had seven children. William, the third son, married Sally Beetle of that town and had three children, George, John and Sally Ann. He was a blacksmith by trade and became a citizen of Troy in 1850, working at his trade until 1858, when he leased the tavern in the village, now known as the Monadnock Hotel, which he kept for some fifteen years or more, during the later years making extensive repairs and improvements upon the same, but failing health and financial embarrassments compelled him to retire from the same soon after. Mr. Clement was one of the charter members of Monadnock Lodge, F. & A. M., and was its first worshipful master, which position he held for four years, and was one of its most active, influential and prominent members. Mrs. Clement died in Keene, Dec. 26, 1882; he died in Troy, June 8, 1884.

- I. LUCIUS HOWE, born March 14, 1845; died at Goldsborough, N. C., July 5, 1865; a soldier in the Union army.
- II. ANNA M., adopted daughter; married, Nov. 15, 1876, Frank Dame; died 18—.

LEONARD COBB, born July 21, 1800; married, May 22, 1823, Nancy Osborne, who was born Nov. 12, 1798. They located on the farm which had long been owned by Talmon Knights. Mr. Cobb resided there until his death, April 18, 1856. Mrs. Cobb died March 15, 1862.

- I. FARWELL O., born March 10, 1824; married, March 14, 1850, Louisa M., daughter of Franklin and Louisa (Dyer) Woodward. Mr. Cobb died March 26, 1890. Children: 1. *Henry C.*, born Jan. 2, 1851; 2. *Charles Frederick*, born Nov. 9, 1852; 3. *George Wallace*, born Nov. 10, 1854; married, Nov. 28, 1892, Mary J. Keeler; resides in St. Louis, Mo.; 4. *Frank Eugene*; 5. *Emma Jane*, born Feb. 22, 1863; married, Nov. 26, 1893, Ezekiel Porter; resides in West Parish, Me.; 6. *Lizzie Maria*, born April 16, 1865; married, July 1, 1892, William J. Hammond; resides in Portland, Me.; 7. *Wilder D.*, born May 11, 1867; 8. *Walter Lester*, born April 9, 1869; 9. *Mary Abbie*, born Aug. 31, 1872; married, July 12, 1893, Guy Haven; resides in Chicago, Ills.
- II. SYBIL, born May 23, 1826; married, 1st, Harvey Lawrence; married, 2d, Jan. 1, 1849, Theodore J. Dyer; married, 3d, — Bryant. Is a widow and resides in Fitchburg.
- III. ALBERT, born Aug. 11, 1829.
- IV. ALVIN, born Aug. 11, 1829.
- V. LEONARD DAVIS, born May 14, 1832; married, Oct. 11, 1853, Mary Ann Chase; resides in Chesterfield.

COOLIDGE. The ancestor of the Coolidge family in this country was John Coolidge, who was one of the earliest proprietors of Watertown, Mass., in 1636-37. His eldest son, John, who was probably born in England, married, Nov. 14, 1665, Hannah Livermore. His third son, John, born Feb. 19, 1662, settled in Sherburne. He was a carpenter by trade, and was a soldier in King Philip's war. Isaac, eldest son of John last named, born April 21, 1685; married, April 26, 1710, Hannah, daughter of Capt. Joseph Morse of Sherburne. Joseph, son of Isaac, born April 22, 1726; married, Jan. 26, 1746, Elizabeth Frost. They had twelve children, among whom were Abraham and Hezekiah, who settled in this region.

ABRAHAM COOLIDGE, son of Joseph, was born in Sherburne,

Jan. 1, 1764; he died July 26, 1843. His wife, whose name is unknown, died Oct. 8, 1836.

- I. BARAK, born Dec. 30, 1789; married Nancy Harris; died March, 1851.
- II. ASHER, born Aug. 8, 1791; married Olive Starkey; died Nov. 15, 1837.
- III. DORCAS, born May 24, 1794; married Charles Farrar; removed to the West, where she died May 29, 1855.
- IV. ORLANDO, born Jan. 14, 1796; married, 1st, C. Rockwood; she died and he married, 2d, Mrs. Louisa (Woodward) Eaton; removed to Keene.
- V. OSCAR, born July 22, 1798; married Lovina Rockwood; removed to Chesterfield.
- VI. COSBY, born June 11, 1800; married Moses S. Perkins; removed to Jaffrey.
- VII. CHARLES, born March 28, 1804.

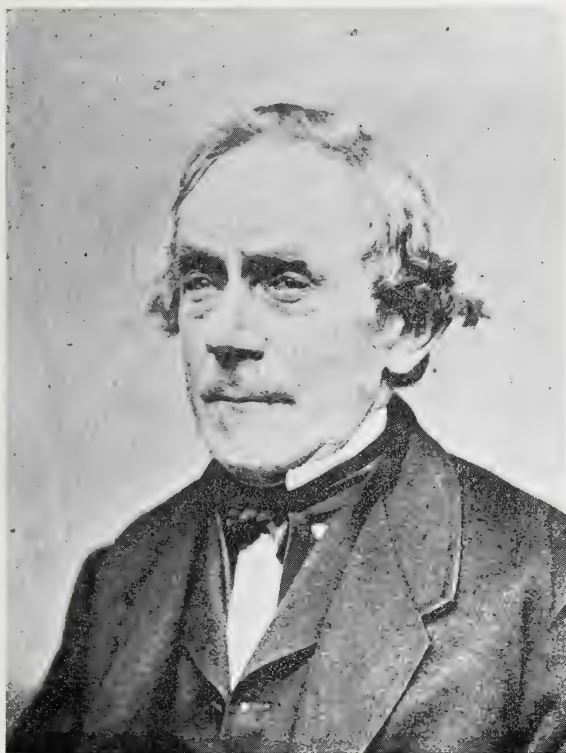
HEZEKIAH COOLIDGE, brother of Abraham, was born in Sherburne, Feb. 13, 1766. His wife was Esther —. He died in the fall of 1805, and his widow married Jonathan Frost of Marlborough.

- I. HARRIET, born Jan. 6, 1792; married Asa Frost of Marlborough; died April 12, 1863.
- II. ELLIOT, born Dec. 8, 1794; married, Jan. 22, 1818, Nancy Gates; removed to Canada.
- III. HARLOW, born Oct. 21, 1798; died young.

ASHER COOLIDGE, son of Abraham, born Aug. 8, 1791; married, April 7, 1822, Olive, daughter of William Starkey and resided about one year with his father-in-law. After changing his residence several times he died in the Ward house, Nov. 15, 1837. Mrs. Coolidge died at Keene, September, 1848.

- I. WILLIAM, born November, 1824; died May 11, 1826.
- II. ELBRIDGE, born May 15, 1826; married, 1st, May 25, 1854, Sarah M., daughter of Levi and Mary (Blodgett) Whittemore; she died Feb. 7, 1859; and he married, 2d, July 7, 1860, Caroline M. Whittemore, sister of his first wife; she died June 8, 1888; married, 3d, April 8, 1891, Mrs. Anna L. Brown. One child, *Ella M.*, born April 8, 1857; died Oct. 12, 1876.
- III. OLIVE ANN, born 1828; died 1841.
- IV. WILLIAM E., born June 17, 1830.
- V. GEORGE, born Feb. 6, 1833.
- VI. SARAH, born January, 1835; married, October, 1855, George W. Billings; died in 1858.

CHARLES COOLIDGE, son of Abraham, born March 28, 1804; married, Dec. 22, 1833, Sarah Carpenter, born May 17, 1806. Mr. Coolidge died June 13, 1881; Mrs. Coolidge died April 7, 1891.



CHARLES COOLIDGE.

- I. SARAH P., born Nov. 2, 1842; died Sept. 5, 1845.
  - II. CHARLES R., born July 28, 1846; married, Nov. 18, 1875, Julietta A. R. Stone, born April 25, 1851. Children: 1. *Sadie J.*, born Sept. 9, 1856; died March 1, 1889; 2. *Charles F.*, born Aug. 5, 1877; 3. *Henry E.*, born March 30, 1883; 4. *Annie M.*, born Dec. 23, 1887; died Jan. 22, 1889; 5. *Bertha S.*, born May 7, 1890; 6. *Bessie A.*, born May 9, 1891; died Aug. 17, 1891.
- JOHN H. CONGDON was born in Wallingford, Vt., July 1, 1837. He became a resident of Troy in February,



1883, when he came here from Lowell, Mass., and purchased of William Morse the farm upon which he now resides. Married, 1st, Nov. 21, 1861, Mrs. Jane Peck, daughter of David and Lydia Stevens of Cambridge, N. Y., born March 22, 1826; died April 20, 1896. He married, 2d, July 1, 1897, Mrs. Lydia Marshall. One adopted child, Charles H., born May 16, 1883.

GEORGE H. CONGDON was born in Sutton, Mass., Dec. 18, 1854; married, Sept. 27, 1877, Margaret Mahon, born in Wallingford, Vt., April 18, 1858.

I. STEPHEN ANDREW, born Dec. 16, 1879.

II. ROBERT HARVEY, born Nov. 17, 1887.

WEBSTER COREY was born in Dublin, Aug. 28, 1827; married, 1st, Feb. 22, 1855, Amanda C., daughter of Beriah Oakes; she died Feb. 22, 1856. Mr. Corey married, 2d, Dec. 30, 1859, Mary Abbie, sister of his first wife. Mr. Corey came from Marlborough, in 1866, and located on the farm he now occupies on West Hill. He carried on the business of manufacturing pail handles on the Chancy N. Garfield farm for many years.

I. AMANDA M., born Dec. 19, 1855; married — Hadley; resides in Jaffrey.

II. CHARLES W., born Feb. 12, 1862; married, Sept. 20, 1886, Eva M., daughter of Joseph and Harriet (Fuller) Lawrence; resides in Keene.

III. JENNIE M., born Jan. 29, 1864.

IV. GERTRUDE N., born Dec. 30, 1869; married Henry E. Brown.

V. BELLE, born Aug. 10, 1871.

CROSBY. The origin of the New England portion of the Crosby family has been traced to Simon de Crosby, of Lancashire, England, 1220. Simon the emigrant, at the age of 26, with his wife Ann, and son Thomas, came to this country and settled in Cambridge in 1635. He died in 1639, and his widow married Rev. William Thompson of Braintree, Mass. They had three sons, Thomas, Simon and Joseph.

Simon, born in 1637; settled in Billerica, Mass.; became

freeman in 1668; representative in 1692-7-8; married in 1659, Rachel Brackett, and had a family of nine children.

Josiah, son of Simon Crosby, born in Billerica in 1677; married Mary Manning and had eleven children. Josiah, his eldest son, born 1730; married Sarah Fitch of Bedford; settled in Milford, N. H., and had ten children. Two of his sons, Joseph and Alpheus settled in Jaffrey. Alpheus was born Nov. 16, 1762, at Milford, and came to Jaffrey in 1786, and was warned from the town the same year. He married, 1st, Elizabeth Gilmore, Nov. 18, 1788, and carried on the business of farming and teaming to Boston and other places. His wife died Oct. 26, 1839, aged 70; he died Oct. 4, 1845, aged 83; he married, 2d, Mary Foster of Amherst, who survived him, and after his decease returned to her native town. He had ten children by his first wife; Betsey, Esther, Mary, Nancy Ann, Sarah, Alpheus, Asa, Franklin, Porter and Josiah.

ALPHEUS CROSBY, son of Alpheus, born in Jaffrey, April 13, 1798; married Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Sibyl (Jackson) Fox, and located in Troy in 1821, pursuing his trade of blacksmith. He resided a short time in a house owned by E. P. Kimball and worked in a shop formerly occupied by Nathan Wheeler. Afterwards he lived in a tenement under the Congregational church, but in 1837 he built the stone house owned by Mrs. S. E. Harris, and resided in this until just before he removed to Illinois in 1854. His wife died Oct. 19, 1868; he died Dec. 16, 1873.

- I. Infant, born in Jaffrey; died.
- II. MARY LOUISA, born in Jaffrey; died young.
- III. JOSEPH FOX, born in Troy, Dec. 25, 1827; married Priscilla Babcock of Rockford, 1850, and died there.
- IV. GEORGE FOX, born Dec. 28, 1829; married May Wood of New Milford, Ill.; was killed by a kick of a horse, Nov. 16, 1874. Children: 1. *Charles Arthur*; 2. *Laura May*; 3. *Hattie*.
- V. MARY E., born Feb. 11, 1832; married John G. Pendleton, broker, Oct. 20, 1856; resides in Rockford. Children: 1. *Helen Maria*; 2. *Fannie Hunter*; 3. *Kate Crosby*.

- VI. EMMA C., born Jan. 7, 1842; married Charles Cotton, jeweler, Aug. 14, 1862; he died September, 1872. Children: 1. *Roger Gilmore*; 2. *Mary Elizabeth*; 3. *William Boyden*; 4. *Helen Louisa*.
- VII. FREDERICK L., born June 28, 1846; married Elizabeth Larime, Feb. 20, 1868. Children: 1. *Mary Elizabeth*; 2. *Clara Maria*; 3. *Ann Hunter*.

VIII. ABBIE CROCKER, born May 28, 1848; married Norman Robinson of Rockford, hardware dealer. One child, *Robbie*, died in 1872.

JOSEPH CUMMINGS, son of Daniel, married, 1819, Hepzibah Robbins, born in Nelson, Jan. 17, 1799; died in Troy, Aug. 12, 1880. He settled first in Roxbury, removed to Marlborough in 1821, and later came to Troy, and resided on the place now owned by Mrs. George N. Parmenter. He was a blacksmith by trade; he died March 17, 1887.

- I. ASA R., born in Roxbury, Aug. 12, 1819; died in Providence, R. I., Nov. 13, 1844.
- II. CAROLINE E., born in Marlborough, June 12, 1821; married Eli Dort; died Oct. 18, 1884.

CUTTING. The ancestor of the Cutting family in this region, was Richard Cutting, who, at the age of eleven years, with his brother William, embarked on the ship "Elizabeth" at Ipswich, England, for America, April, 1634. Richard was a wheelwright, and settled in Watertown, Mass., where he was admitted freeman, April 18, 1690. He died in Watertown, March 21, 1695-96. His son James, born Jan. 26, 1647-48; married, June 16, 1679, Hannah Cutler. Jonathan, the fourth son of James, was born Jan. 12, 1687-88; married, Jan. 5, 1709-10, Sarah Flagg; died May 29, 1754. Moses, son of Jonathan and Sarah Flagg Cutting, born Feb. 14, 1711-12; married, May 25, 1736, Mary Stratton, and settled in Framingham. They had eight children, among whom were Daniel, Joseph and Moses, who settled here.

DANIEL CUTTING, son of Moses and Mary (Stratton) Cutting, baptized 1749; married, 1st, 1771, Submit Ball. He came from Framingham in 1773, and located on the Timothy Fife farm. About six years later, he

purchased of Jonah Harrington, the Lemuel Brown place in the north part of the town, where he resided some sixteen years, but the family circle being broken up by the death of his wife, he returned to Framingham in 1795, where he married, 2d, Mrs. Martha Brown. He died in 1812, aged 63.

- I. SARAH, born Aug. 15, 1772; married Abner Smith of Dublin; died Sept. 11, 1830.
- II. DANIEL, born Jan. 17, 1775.
- III. JOSEPH, born March 15, 1777; removed to Framingham.
- IV. REBECCA, born June 5, 1779; married Reuben Gould; settled in Vermont.
- V. LEVI, born March 2, 1782; removed to Framingham.
- VI. LOIS, born April 25, 1785.
- VII. AZUBA, born Sept. 22, 1787.
- VIII. SUBMIT, born March 5, 1792.

JOSEPH CUTTING, brother of Daniel, baptized in Framingham, Feb. 3, 1754; came here in 1775; was never married; died in Troy in 1823.

MOSES CUTTING, another brother of Daniel, came here at an early date. He married, 1770, Mary Whitcomb, who died June 17, 1808; he died Dec. 3, 1834.

- I. LUCY, born July 4, 1772; married — Bailey; lived in Westmoreland.
- II. DOROTHY, born Aug. 26, 1774; married, 1798, Jonathan Lawrence, son of Jonathan and Lucy (Moore) Lawrence.
- III. MOSES, born Sept. 11, 1777; died Nov. 21, 1807.
- IV. DELIVERANCE, born Sept. 28, 1780; married — Piper; died in Maine.
- V. LYDIA, born Feb. 23, 1784; married, Nov. 17, 1808, Samuel Farrar, born April 15, 1785, son of Daniel and Lucy (Bruce) Farrar of Marlborough. Settled in Vermont.
- VI. MARY, born July 31, 1787; married, Jan. 1, 1810, Artemas Bolster; removed to state of New York about 1812. They had one infant child, died March 22, 1811.
- VII. AARON, born April 9, 1790; married, Fanny Harvey.
- VIII. ANNA, born Dec. 23, 1792; married Rufus Randall; removed to New York.
- IX. ASA, born Jan. 28, 1796.

JOSEPH CUTTING, son of Daniel, born March 15, 1777; married, Dec. 1, 1795, Anna Ball of Bolton. He left town about 1820, going to West Boylston, Mass., where he was superintendent of a large factory farm.

Died in Pelham, Mass., Jan. 31, 1849. Mrs. Cutting died in Framingham, Mass., Sept. 21, 1852.

- I. SILAS, born Dec. 18, 1796.
- II. JOSEPH, born Oct. 30, 1798.
- III. STEPHEN, born Nov. 23, 1800.
- IV. LUCINDA, born April 2, 1803.
- V. GILMAN, born April 22, 1805.
- VI. ANNA, born Aug. 6, 1807.
- VII. LUTHERA, born Feb. 5, 1810.
- VIII. SUBMIT, born June 27, 1812.
- IX. ELIAL, born Jan. 25, 1815; died in Pelham, Mass., in 1885.

DANIEL CUTTING, JR., son of Daniel, born Jan. 7, 1775; married, Feb. 22, 1807, Sarah L., daughter of Jonathan Lawrence, born June 4, 1787; died April 30, 1847, and settled on the place now owned by John Lang. He died Nov. 15, 1855. He was prominent in the affairs of the town, and was a member of the Legislature eight terms between 1828 and 1837.

- I. PERMELIA, born April 17, 1807; married, June 16, 1829, Abner Stanley; died Dec. 30, 1870.
- II. CAROLINE, born Dec. 5, 1808; married, Nov. 22, 1825, Samuel Geary; died March 12, 1866.
- III. ADALINE, born Sept. 10, 1810; married, Sept. 19, 1833, Chester Lyman; died Dec. 7, 1876.
- IV. ALBERT, born Aug. 30, 1812; died Oct. 30, 1838.
- V. SARAH, born June 12, 1814; died Sept. 29, 1815.
- VI. DANIEL WISE, born March 7, 1816.
- VII. SARAH A., born Feb. 19, 1818; married, May 27, 1838, Charles C. Coolidge; died Feb. 17, 1895.
- VIII. CLARISSA, born Feb. 28, 1820; married, April 21, 1840, Calvin H. Wetherbee; died June 6, 1884.
- IX. ABIGAIL, born Jan. 4, 1822; married, Feb. 7, 1850, James R. Stanley; died Sept. 5, 1873.
- X. ARVILLA, born Nov. 25, 1823; married, Oct. 10, 1848, Jacob W. Gates; died April 25, 1885.

DANIEL WISE CUTTING, son of Daniel, Jr., born March 7, 1816; married, 1st, Feb. 11, 1840, Adaline A. Gates, born April 30, 1818; died Dec. 11, 1854; married, 2d, Aug. 30, 1858, Asenath P. Barrett, born Feb. 18, 1832. Mr. Cutting resided in Cambridge, Vt., where he died Nov. 2, 1895.

- I. AUGUSTA, P., born June 26, 1843; died Nov. 20, 1852.
- II. ALBERT J., born March 27, 1845; died Dec. 26, 1890.



LEVI DAGGETT was a descendant of John Daggett, who settled in Attleborough, about the year 1666, and was one of the proprietors of the township. Joseph Daggett, son of John, built the first corn mill in Attleborough, but at what time is not known. Ebenezer Daggett was the third generation, and had two sons, Naphtali, who was president of Yale College from 1766 to 1777, and John, who, says the historian of Attleborough, "was one of the principal public characters and leading men of the town, especially during the trying period of the Revolution. He and Col. May were the two, on whom the town placed the most reliance. He was possessed of a strong and sound mind, and was marked by a resolute and decided character." Joab Daggett, son of John, was possessed of considerable property, and he obtained possession of the Daniel Cutting farm, by virtue of a mortgage from one Robbins. He died March 17, 1816, and his son Levi bought out the other heirs and took up his residence in Troy about this time. He married, April 15, 1818, Abigail, daughter of Joseph and Parna (Temple) Butler and resided in the house he purchased until 1823, when he sold the farm to Abel Brown. In 1825 he returned to Attleborough, where he resided until 1846, then moved to Jaffrey. In 1854 he returned to Troy, and resided in Mrs. Hayden's house one year, and a like period in the Newell house, but in 1856 he bought the Starkey farm of Asa Butler, and in 1858 he sold this and moved to Rindge.

- I. ABIGAIL, born Feb. 11, 1819; married, May 17, 1847, B. J. Tenney.
- II. LEVI, born July 3, 1820; married, Nov. 17, 1847, — —; died April 18, 1857.
- III. JOAB, born Aug. 7, 1822; married, April 24, 1844.
- IV. EMELINE, born Sept. 3, 1824.
- V. CORDELIA, born May 15, 1830.
- VI. CAROLINE, born Nov. 2, 1832.

GEORGE DAMON, son of George, of Fitzwilliam, was born Sept. 6, 1821; married, Sept. 6, 1852, Lucy, born Dec. 24, 1831, daughter of Elijah and Dorothy (Crombie) Bowker. Capt. Elijah Bowker was the son of Bartlett

Bowker, and was born in Fitzwilliam, Jan. 8, 1803. He married Dorothy Crombie, Nov. 18, 1830. Mr. Damon located in the southern part of Troy, about 1852, and for a larger part of the time had the principal charge of a gristmill which was located near his residence. He removed to Keene about 1880, where he died June 2, 1890. Children born, i in Fitzwilliam, ii, iii in Troy.

- I. MARCIA CLEAVES, born Jan. 22, 1854; married Albert D. Marshall.
- II. MARCUS VICTOR, born June 19, 1859; married, Sept. 19, 1879, Ella L., born Sept. 19, 1860, daughter of Frank D. and Helen Knapp of Keene. Children: 1. *George Franklin*, born May 6, 1880; 2. *Maud Irene*, born Jan. 10, 1883; 3. *Milo Marcus*, born Aug. 5, 1896.
- III. MINNIE MADRITH, born Feb. 14, 1867; married William J. Wright.

JOHN DEVINE was born in Ireland; married about 1856, Margaret Enright, who was born about 1837-38. He has resided in Troy about thirty years.

- I. WILLIAM, born Nov. 24, 1858.
- II. MARY JOSEPHINE, born Aug. 20, 1861.
- III. MICHAEL; died young.
- IV. JOHN; died young.
- V. MAURICE, born Feb. 26, 1869.
- VI. MAGGIE, born Oct. 11, 1870; died March 5, 1882.
- VII. LIZZIE A., born June 11, 1875.

LORENZO DEXTER, son of Esick and Sophia Whitney Dexter of Royalston, Mass., was born in Boston, May 25, 1829; married, Feb. 16, 1854, Sarah H., daughter of Enoch and Lucy (Hodgkins) Garfield; died Sept. 21, 1892. After his marriage he located on the farm which had long been occupied by his father-in-law, and about four years later he removed to the George Farrar farm, now owned by H. W. Eastman, and some years later came to the place now owned by his widow.

- I. LUCY FRANCES, born May 3, 1855; married, George H. Alexander.
- II. LYDIA ALMEDIA, born July 1, 1857; married, Jan. 1, 1880, William F. Whitcomb of Keene.
- III. LIZZIE SOPHIA, born July 11, 1860; died Feb. 15, 1861.
- IV. AMOS OSCAR, born Dec. 19, 1861; married, Dec. 13, 1892, Mattie A., daughter of John and Elvira (Glines) Leavitt; died Nov. 30, 1894. His wife died March 28, 1893.
- V. LONEY ALZINA, born June 14, 1864.
- VI. ARTHUR EDWARD, born Aug. 16, 1865.

ELI DORT was born in Surry, June 25, 1816; married, Nov. 19, 1840, Caroline E., daughter of Joseph and Hepzibah (Robbins) Cummings; settled in Marlborough

where he followed the occupation of house-painting and graining until 1865, when he removed to Keene where he still resides. Mrs. Dort died Oct. 18, 1884.

- I. ASA C., born July 10, 1843.
- II. ELIZA ALMIRA, born March 30, 1847; married, Jan. 8, 1867, Horace N. Irish of Colchester, Vt.
- III. GEORGE GILMAN, born Aug. 27, 1850; married, May 31, 1877, Mary A. Wilson of New Bedford, Mass. Is a druggist and resides in Providence, R. I.
- IV. EVA JULIA, born Aug. 16, 1852; married, July 23, 1876, T. Jewett Locke.
- V. MARY ELIZABETH, born Jan. 27, 1859; married Frank H. Wright.



ASA C. DORT.

ASA C. DORT, son of Eli, born July 10, 1843; married, Dec. 27, 1865, Ellen A., daughter of Edwin and Lucy

(Wetherbee) Buttrick. Soon after his marriage he entered into business with his father-in-law, and continues the business under the name of E. Buttrick & Co. Mr. Dort has been treasurer of the town for twenty-three years and has also been an active member of the fire department for several years. He has been a member of the Legislature and held other town offices.



EDWIN B. DORT.

1. EDWIN B., born Dec. 29, 1866; married, Oct. 10, 1894, Charlotte F., daughter of George F. and Mary L. (Matthews) Wyman of Keene; died May 2, 1897. One child, *Katherine May*, born Oct. 29, 1895.

- II. KATIE B., born May 31, 1868; died April 13, 1872.
- III. MARY S., born April 1, 1872; married, Oct. 19, 1893, Eugene C. Myrick; resides in Providence, R. I.



RESIDENCE OF ASA C. DORT.

ARTHUR J. EDWARDS, son of James and Maria (Fisher) Edwards; born Jan. 21, 1858; married, March 31, 1887, Emma M., daughter of John D. and Abigail (Wright) Hale of Swanzey, born April 21, 1865.

- I. ETHEL MARIA, born Nov. 2, 1887.
- II. CHARLES, born Nov. 5, 1889; died Nov. 12, 1891.
- III. ARTHUR JAMES, born April 30, 1892.
- IV. BILLY ALBERT, born Dec. 26, 1894.
- V. Daughter, born July 13, 1897.

LINWOOD B. EMERY, son of Samuel D. Emery, was born in Turners Falls, Mass., Sept. 23, 1867; married, Feb. 14, 1891, Alice M., daughter of Eleazer W. and Mary M. (Gilmore) Heath of Jaffrey, born Feb. 8, 1869.

- I. HAROLD LESLIE, born March 10, 1892.

THOMAS ENRIGHT, son of Dennis, born 1860; married, Aug. 12, 1885, Kate V. Stanton of Athol Mass., born May 15, 1866. He died Aug. 28, 1894.

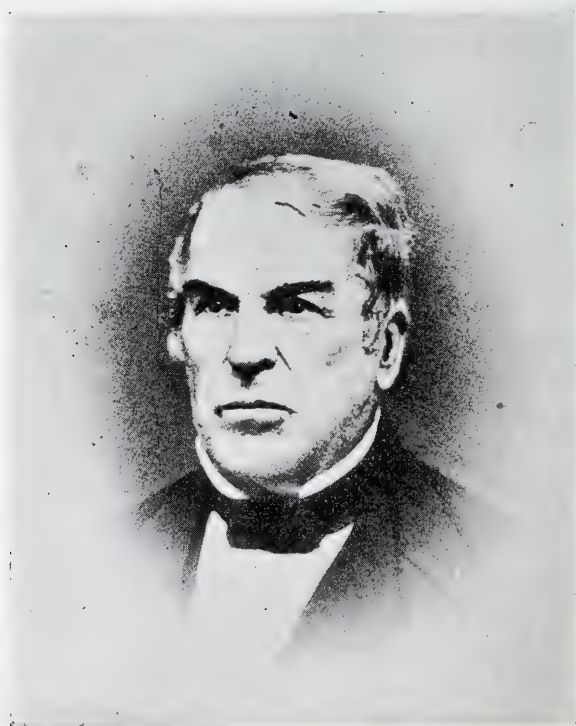
- I. EVA, born Aug. 7, 1886.
- II. THOMAS JAMES, born Aug. 21, 1888; died Aug. 4, 1889.
- III. NELLIE GERTRUDE, born May 12, 1890.
- IV. LIZZIE BELLE, born Jan. 12, 1892.
- V. EDWARD MICHAEL, born Jan. 24, 1893; died July 31, 1893.
- VI. MARION FRANCES, born Feb. 6, 1894.



MICHAEL ENRIGHT, son of Michael, born in Ireland, 1856; married, June 25, 1889, Mary V. Deschene, born in Canada, Nov. 10, 1868.

- I. MARY ELIZABETH, born Aug. 25, 1890.
- II. MAGGIE AGNES, born March 31, 1892.
- III. JOHN MARTIN, born Sept. 24, 1894.
- IV. CHARLOTTE ELLEN, born March 1, 1896.
- V. CECELIA LENA, born March 1, 1896.

CYRUS FAIRBANKS, born in Harvard, Mass., Nov. 17, 1786; married, July 3, 1817, Betsey Jackson of Westminster,



CYRUS FAIRBANKS.

Mass. Soon after his birth his parents removed to Ashburnham, and here he spent a large part of his minority. In his early life he had the misfortune to lose the use of his lower limbs, in consequence of which

he learned the shoemakers' trade, and came to Troy in 1816, working one year with Preston Bishop, who had, a little more than a year previous bought of Samuel Garey a carpenter's shop which stood near where the house now owned by E. P. Kimball stands on the corner. In the fall of 1815, the shop was burnt, and Bishop being very much esteemed, his neighbors, out of sympathy, assisted him in building another house, the present house which has been modified and improved. Mr. Fairbanks bought the location in 1817, and resided there until his death, which occurred Nov. 23, 1861; his wife died April 29, 1868.

- I. ELIZA, born March 22, 1818; married Ransom Ingalls; died Aug. 15, 1857.
- II. SILAS H., born Dec. 7, 1818; married Catherine Aldrich; died at Jaffrey, Oct. 24, 1858. One child, *Arthur*.
- III. MARY ANN, born Dec. 3, 1822; married E. P. Kimball.
- IV. GEORGE, born Oct. 22, 1825; married, 1st, Jan. 1, 1846, Abby Wright, who died Aug. 27, 1848; married, 2d, October, 1849, Nancy Watkins of Walpole, who died July 27, 1858; married, 3d, —. Children, I by 1st wife, II by 2d wife, III, IV by 3d wife. 1. *Charles Henry*, born March, 1847; died Nov. 29, 1848; 2. *Charles Henry*, 2d, born May 17, 1851; 3. *Delos*; 4. *Sarah Jane*.
- V. CHARLES, born March 15, 1827; died June 18, 1843.
- VI. WALTER A., born Jan. 5, 1830; married, Aug. 4, 1864, Mary Jane, daughter of Brown and Mary (Wheeler) Nurse; resides in Fitchburg, Mass. Mrs. Fairbanks died Oct. 25, 1896. Mr. Fairbanks was for a time clerk in the store of Dexter Whittemore at Fitchwilliam. In the fall of 1863, he became a resident of Fitchburg, and for about eleven years, or until 1874, he was interested with L. J. Brown in the dry goods business, but at the latter date retired from active business, but has been connected with various enterprises. At the present time he is a trustee in the Worcester North Savings Institution; vice president and director in the Wachusett National Bank; director in Orswell yarn mills, Nockegee print mills, and Lancaster mills of Lancaster, Mass.; is a director in the Fitchburg Park Association and trustee in the Fitchburg Real Estate Association. Was also a director of the Wachusett Electric Light plant, and president of the same when it was sold to another company.
- VII. SARAH W., born May 8, 1832; married, June 28, 1865, Daniel H. Sawyer of Keene; died Oct. 26, 1895. One child, *Walter Fairbanks Sawyer*, born Feb. 5, 1868. Is a physician in Fitchburg.
- VIII. CAROLINE A., born Jan. 6, 1836; married Daniel Farrar.

FARRAR. Jacob Farrar and his brother Jonathan were among the original proprietors of Lancaster, Mass., and were there as early as 1653, and tradition says they came from Lancashire, England, and Jacob was probably between thirty and thirty-five years of age when he came to this country. His wife and children remained in England until 1658, when he had a residence prepared for them to live in. During King Philip's War he had two sons killed. He died in Woburn, Mass., Aug. 14, 1677. His eldest son, Jacob, was born in England, probably about 1642; married Hannah, daughter of George Hayward, in 1668. He was killed by Indians, Aug. 22, 1675. His second son, George, born Aug. 16, 1670; married Mary Howe, Sept. 9, 1692, and settled in that part of Concord, Mass., now Lincoln. He is said to have been a man of great energy and thrift. His second son, Daniel, born Nov. 30, 1696; married Hannah Fletcher, and settled in Sudbury, Mass., where he died about 1755. His eldest son, Josiah, born September, 1722; married, 1745, Hannah, daughter of John Taylor of Northborough, Mass., a man of considerable note and a Tory of the Revolution, whose name was borne by a former governor of New Hampshire, John Taylor Gilman. He died in Marlborough, Nov. 24, 1808; his widow died there Feb. 10, 1810. Daniel, a brother of Josiah, born 1724; married, 1748, Mary —, and resides in Lincoln, Mass.

PHINEAS FARRAR, son of Josiah and Hannah (Taylor) Farrar, born in Sudbury, Aug. 20, 1747; married Lovina Warren of Marlborough, Mass. He came to this region in 1768, purchasing several lots of land. He died April 1, 1841; his widow died Feb. 17, 1845.

- I. PHINEAS, born Nov. 12, 1771; married, May, 1794, Abigail, daughter of Eliphalet and Lydia (Goddard) Stone. He went to Michigan, where he died Sept. 24, 1855.
- II. JOHN, born Aug. 24, 1773; married Cynthia Stone.

- III. BETSEY, born Jan. 18, 1776; married Elijah Frost of Marlborough; she died 1830.
- IV. CALVIN, born Jan. 11, 1778; married Bathsheba B. Bates of Brimfield, and resided in Waterford, Me., where he died Feb. 19, 1819. His eldest daughter, Caroline E., married Levi Brown of the same town, and who was the mother of Charles Farrar Brown, whose *nom de plume* was Artemus Ward.
- V. LUTHER, twin to Calvin, born Jan. 11, 1778; married Mary Whiting of New Ipswich; was a lawyer and settled in Norway, Me., where he died April 28, 1812.
- VI. JOSIAH, born April, 1780; married Betsey Prince of Waterford, Me., where he lived and died.
- VII. BILDAD (who on becoming of age took the name of William), born Oct. 21, 1782; married, Nov. 12, 1812, Nancy Whitcomb. He died Dec. 28, 1863; his wife died Sept. 3, 1861.
- VIII. DANIEL W., born Feb. 22, 1786.
- IX. DAVID, born July 5, 1788; died in Waterford, Me., May, 1817.
- X. NANCY, born March 16, 1792; died May 14, 1795.
- XI. JAMES, born March 16, 1792; married, Feb. 22, 1816, Roxanna Frost; died Nov. 3, 1861.

DANIEL W. FARRAR was the eighth son of Phineas Farrar of Marlborough, and he became a resident of Troy in 1800, when he came here and was employed as a clerk in the store of Jonas Robeson, seven years. In 1805, Robeson moved to Fitzwilliam and left him in charge for a time; he then formed a copartnership with him and carried on the company business until 1813, when he bought out Mr. Robeson's share and took sole charge of the store. About this time he formed a partnership with Curtis Coolidge, which continued for about three years, when he took the entire business and conducted the same until about 1843, when he was succeeded by his son, David W. Farrar and John Whittemore, Jr., of Fitzwilliam. At this time he resided in the Garey tavern, but in 1835, he moved the old store built by Robeson, a little back and built the brick store now owned by C. W. Whitney. After giving up his store, he devoted the most of his time to farming, and lived in the house now owned by C. D. Farrar, and which was built in 1836.



For more than fifty years he was one of the most enterprising men of the town, and probably no one exerted



DANIEL W. FARRAR.

a greater influence. He was very active in the movement which led to the formation of the town of Troy, and it was mainly through his exertions that the act was accomplished, as will be seen by referring to the account of its incorporation. His name is identified with almost every public act, and although his position at times may have been violently assailed, yet all seemed willing to give him credit for strict integrity and of acting from the best of mo-

tives. In some respects he was a remarkable man, and few with the same early advantages would have made so conspicuous a mark in life. He possessed good native talent, an active mind, and was quick of apprehension, but his school advantages were very limited. But he had a mind for improvement and an energy which enabled him to overcome the most formidable obstacles and to make up in good measure the deficiency of his early school advantages. Every day was a practical school to him; he kept his books by his side, but instead of gathering from them a few theories without a knowledge of their application, like many more modern scholars, he used them, as was once said by a noted divine, as soldiers to assist him in fighting the battle of life. He made his



books contribute to his business capacity, and in all his studies, "*cui bono?*" was his earnest inquiry. Thus his education was highly practical and this will account for his success in life.

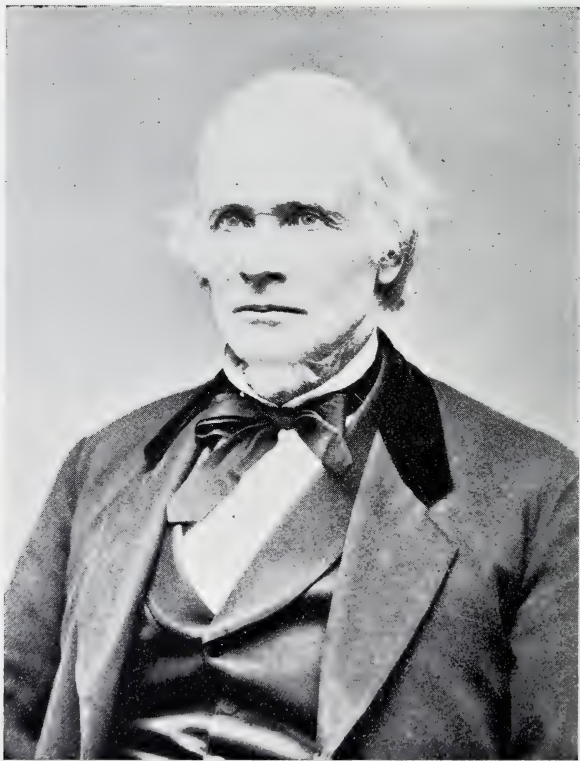
DANIEL W. FARRAR, son of Phineas, born Feb. 22, 1786; married, 1st, May 24, 1812, Eliza, born Dec. 11, 1791, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer and Betsey (Bates) Wright; she died April 15, 1814; and he married, 2d, Aug. 17, 1815, Betsey, born Sept. 21, 1794, daughter of Deacon Samuel and Hannah (Bowker) Griffin. He died March 7, 1860; his wife died Nov. 6, 1858. All his children were by his 2d marriage.

- I. DAVID WARREN, born Jan. 30, 1817.
- II. ELIZA WRIGHT, born Sept. 26, 1818; married, Aug. 17, 1844, Rev. Alfred Stevens; died Dec. 8, 1844.
- III. HELEN MARIA, born June 15, 1820, married, June 7, 1848, Rev. Abraham Jenkins, Jr.; died May 22, 1851.
- IV. EDWARD, born Nov. 14, 1822.
- V. SARAH, born May 28, 1824; died March 27, 1838.
- VI. DANIEL, born May 29, 1836; married, Nov. 24, 1863, Caroline A., daughter of Cyrus and Betsey (Jackson) Fairbanks; died June 3, 1875; resides in Leominster, Mass. Children born in Leominster:  
1. *Edward Bird*, born Oct. 24, 1866; 2. *Gertrude Eliza*, born Oct. 7, 1870.

DAVID W. FARRAR was the son of Daniel W. and Betsey (Griffin) Farrar, and was born in Troy, Jan. 30, 1817. His father was a merchant of the town for thirty-six years, and has been spoken of as a "man of strict integrity and acting from the best of motives." It will be seen that Mr. Farrar's business education began in early childhood and he grew up to business life with an example before him of uprightness and honesty, and received instruction in the accurate and careful management of business affairs. Thus we see that the superior business ability he manifested, was in part, the result of long training in the work which he afterwards carried along so successfully alone. He inherited good native talent from his father, and having an active mind, quick of apprehension, and alert

to discern advantageous openings, with a desire for improvement and progress, he succeeded.

His educational advantages were only those such as the town furnished, except a short time spent at an academy in an adjoining town. As was said of the father, that to him every day was a practical school, so we may infer that the son received more instruction than the



DAVID W. FARRAR.

schools alone afforded him. We find him growing up to manhood under wise instruction in business, and with the practical duties of life placed before him in a practical manner. His time was occupied in his father's store, out

of and after school hours and school days, until 1843, in the service of his father. At this time he took charge of the store and conducted the business for twenty years, paying for the same and enlarging it quite extensively. This was before the railroad came as a factor in the transaction of business. This store was the center of trade for all this region and presented a lively appearance all day long and sometimes far into the night. The main cause of this great activity was the making of palmleaf hats, which was commenced at first by Mr. Farrar's father, with some degree of fear and timidity, who purchased fifty leaf at one time and thought it a great venture. The business proved profitable, and instead of buying so many of the leaf, purchases were made by the number of tons. The business assumed its greatest magnitude under the management of Mr. Farrar. The store would be encircled all day with teams that came from all about within a circle of twenty miles, getting the leaf to take home to make into hats, and taking pay for the work done in goods from the store. But this business was injured by the advent of the railroads, and the center of trade for dry goods and groceries was taken from Troy. He sold out his store to Thomas Goodall, Dec. 1, 1860, but bought it back again Jan. 1, 1863, taking his son, Henry W., into partnership, who conducted the business for two years, when the business was purchased by Messrs. C. W. Whitney and W. G. Silsby. In his business as a merchant, Mr. Farrar was highly successful and acquired the means of purchasing real estate and of building the residence, in 1848, which was occupied by him as long as he lived in Troy. Soon after taking the store he engaged in the manufacture of wooden ware in addition to that of the palmleaf hat business. After relinquishing his mercantile pursuits he devoted his time to his real estate and the

manufacture of wooden ware at the North end, where the business is now conducted by his son, Charles D. Farrar. He also, for about two years, about 1860, had a manufactory at Swanzey.

These facts serve to show the activity of Mr. Farrar in his business career. A man so prominently connected with the business of the town, could not, of course, escape public duties. Turning to his public life he is found to have been much interested in town affairs. Having large interests in the town and paying large taxes, it would naturally be expected that he would be more or less interested in its welfare and development. As soon as he had attained his majority he was elected town clerk; an office which his father had held from the organization of the town, until the year previous to the election of Mr. Farrar. This office he held for some six or seven years. Mr. Farrar was never selectman of the town because he was so busy with his own affairs that he always declined to allow his name to be used for that position. He always manifested an interest in educational matters and served upon the board of superintending school committee. He was also one of those who took an active part in securing the remodeling of the room in the town house, recently used for school purposes, so that there might be high school privileges for the older children. After the establishment of the high school, he with others became responsible for the expenses of the school, guaranteeing to the teacher her pay.

In 1863, he was chosen representative to the state legislature. He was an active member, taking part in the work of the committees, as also in the general work of the house. Through him the town secured a reduction of the county tax, for when the apportionment was made he became convinced that the amount required from Troy was



in excess of its valuation, and appeared before the committee of apportionment, stating that they had not made the percentage of taxation equal, it being excessive in regard to Troy as compared with some other places. The committee at first were unwilling to change the rate, but Mr. Farrar was so positive in his statements that he secured a reduction which made a saving to the town of about five hundred dollars. In 1856, he purchased some soldier land claims of the war of 1812, and in consequence of which he was several times obliged to go to the West to look them up and locate them. Some of them were found to be of value, others worthless. In the wild scenes in which this western country then abounded he took part and searched out and located his claims, and in doing so was led into scenes in which his courageous nature and active spirit found full scope. It is probable that others of a less adventurous spirit would have been deterred from so arduous a task and have lost all they had invested in these lands. During one of these western trips, in the spring of 1878, he came to the place now known as Britt, Iowa, in which vicinity he owned lands. Here two railroads crossed, and the promise of a large town was good, and, believing in the future of the place, purchased largely of its lands, and having obtained a business interest in the place, Mr. Farrar left Troy in the fall of 1880, and took up his residence in Britt, and began to labor for its advancement; his first effort for the public benefit of the town was the agitation of the building of a public schoolhouse, which, through his influence largely, was built from designs made by him, it being a two-story frame structure about thirty feet by seventy feet, finished very neatly and making an ornament to the town.

Soon after the erection of the schoolhouse, a local preacher of the Methodist church commenced holding



service there and Mr. Farrar urged the organization of a Sabbath school. The pastor of the Congregational church at Britt, at the time of his death, in speaking of him, says: "Sometime in May of that year, I met him and he urged me to come and spend a Sabbath and afterwards wrote to the same effect, and on the first Sabbath in the June following, I commenced to preach there and have continued to until the present, the result of which is a church of fifteen members and an edifice thirty feet by forty-five feet, finished except the belfry, and with a debt of only two hundred dollars. In all these enterprises he has interested himself and promoted. His last public work was to meet the church officials to devise means for the payment of the minister's salary, and other indebtedness of the church. He had been quite sick, but getting better, on Saturday, Sept. 30 (1882), anxious for the success of a county fair held at Britt, he went to that during the day and at night attended a church meeting in the church when there was no fire, taking cold. The next day he was worse and continued to fail until his death." He further wrote of him: "for two terms he was elected a member of the town council, and his wise counsel did much to shape the action of the board, and economically use the public monies in laying sidewalks, planting trees around the schoolhouse lot, and other public improvement, works that will bear his impress in time to come. There are but few men whose loss will be more seriously felt for years to come in the church and by the community than D. W. Farrar. During the past summer I have had many private interviews in which he manifested an unusual anxiety to throw off the affairs of business scattered over seven states, and rest. What he was so anxious to accomplish was done for him in his removal from them all, and a rest we hope in the paradise of God."

The church in Britt adopted resolutions in reference to Mr. Farrar, and speaking of him as "an active worker in the Lord's vineyard, one intelligent to plan and quick to execute, as well as a sympathetic brother." He was a man of great energy, good business qualifications, genial in personal intercourse, and a warm friend to his friends.

Mr. Farrar made a public profession of religion and became a member of the Congregational church in 1869, under the pastoral care of Rev. Levi Brigham, and after uniting with the church was called upon frequently for service. He was upon the Sabbath school committee for six years; was several times delegate to the county conference of churches; was temporary church clerk; and served four years upon the church committee. After he went to Iowa we see that his interest in religious matters was prominent, and he thought it well to look after the educational and religious interests of his adopted town, and took a prominent part in securing it.

It was said of him, "that he was a man of great activity in business, yet in it all endeavoring to show himself a man; of whom one who knew him all through life testifies that he always regarded his word as equal to his bond; though of great energy and of a nervous temperament, yet usually holding it in restraint to that which was just; having a mind which was argumentative and judicial, and which looked to the superiority of right in the end, however he might differ in opinion from others; a man of strong friendship to his friends; with public spirit which considered not alone his own good, but also that of his fellow citizens; a man of progressive thought and improvement, and who, making progress himself, desired others to share it with him, thus seeking to give the young larger intellectual advantages; a man attentive to the worship of God in the sanctuary during all his life,

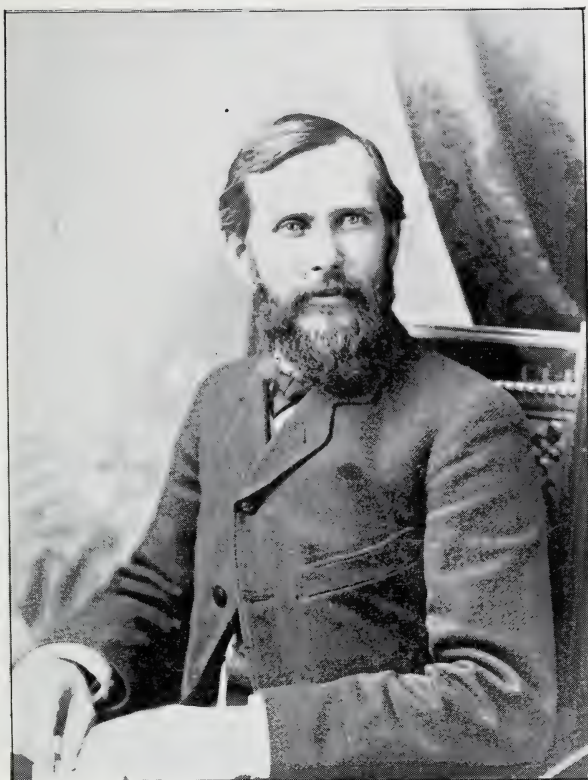
becoming at length impressed with the duty owed to God and having the force of will to take up that duty after the habits of life had long been fixed, without attention to this duty as a personal matter; a man, who, in starting a new town after this period of his life, gives prominence to his estimate of the value of the religious element in the welfare of a town, asserting by his action that the mature judgment of his later years made the service of God a prime essential to personal, social and public life."

DAVID W. FARRAR, son of Daniel, born Jan. 30, 1817; married, June 29, 1841, Hannah, daughter of Stephen and Polly (Wright) Wheeler; died in Britt, Iowa, Oct. 7, 1882.

- I. HENRY W., born April 21, 1842.
- II. HANNAH M., born Sept. 27, 1843; died Oct. 10, 1843.
- III. CHARLES DAVID, born Oct. 3, 1847.
- IV. HELEN M., born Aug. 13, 1854; married George W. Baker; died at Bradford, Vt., Aug. 18, 1884.

HENRY W. FARRAR, son of David, born April 21, 1842; married, May 30, 1865, Leila B., daughter of Jerry and Ann Waterhouse. He received his education in the common schools and at Vermont Academy. For a time he was engaged in business with his father. Later was in business in New York city for some time. Upon the completion of his business there, he returned to Troy and was engaged in looking after his father's business, and held various town offices. Was town clerk and selectman in 1879, 1880 and 1881. After the death of his father he inherited real estate interests in Iowa and adjoining states and removed to Britt. He was mayor of the town one year and filled the office with credit, and was a leader in all matters of public interest. In his business relations he was prompt, rendering to every man his due and expected the same in return. Failing health compelled him to give up business, and he died at Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 13, 1885. His widow resides, and is vice

president of the State Bank at Monte Vista, Colorado.



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CHARLES D. FARRAR, son of David, born Oct. 3, 1847; married, Sept. 6, 1877, Elizabeth A., daughter of Thomas and Susanna (Stocks) Birtwhistle. He attended the common schools of the town and took a course of instruction at Highland Military Academy, Worcester, Mass. He was a clerk for about two years in the dry goods store of L. J. Brown in Fitchburg. He returned to Troy, and in 1873 commenced the manufacture of wooden ware in the Sibley peg mill at

the North end, and is a successful business man and the largest real estate owner in town. He was town



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clerk in 1872 and 1873, but aside from this has always declined accepting any town office.

- I. Daughter, born Nov. 5, 1878; died Nov. 8, 1878.
- II. DAVID WARREN, born Oct. 13, 1882.
- III. THEODORE BIRTWHISTLE, born Sept. 2, 1884; died Oct. 16, 1884.
- IV. EDWARD HENRY, born May 12, 1886.

EDWARD FARRAR, a younger brother of David W., was born in Troy, Nov. 14, 1822, and after pursuing a preparatory course of study entered Dartmouth College, but on account of physical inability, he did not



finish the usual college course, but left without his degree. Soon after he commenced the study of law with Levi Chamberlain, Esq., of Keene, and entered Harvard Law School from which he graduated in 1847, and entered upon the practice of his profession in Keene, being admitted to the Cheshire County Bar in December of the same year. He held the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court for the County of Cheshire from December, 1857, until the time of his death. He also served as Mayor of Keene, and held many places of trust and responsibility. He married, Aug. 23, 1858, Caroline, daughter of Charles H. Brainard of Keene. He died Feb. 11, 1888. Children:

- I. CAROLINE FRANCES, born Aug. 3, 1860.
- II. SARAH BRAINARD, born Aug. 13, 1869; died Nov. 11, 1888.



RESIDENCE OF C. D. FARRAR.

MAJOR JOHN FARRAR was a native of Framingham, Mass.; married, 1st, Oct. 13, 1740, Martha, daughter of Rev. John and Sarah (Tilson) Swift of Framingham. His wife died 1749, and he married, 2d, Oct. 4, 1750, Deborah, born Jan. 27, 1728-29; died Nov. 2, 1793, daughter of Thomas and Deborah (Gleason) Winch of Framingham.

- I. MARY, born Jan. 8, 1742; married Gen. James Reed.
- II. MARTHA, born Dec. 15, 1744; died April 3, 1775.

- III. JOHN, born and died May 5, 1749.
- IV. MARTHA, born June 7, 1749.
- V. JOHN, born Aug. 11, 1751; married, May 8, 1786, Ruth Davis; died March 20, 1809.
- VI. DEBORAH, born Dec. 26, 1753; married, Sept. 12, 1776, Caleb Le-land; resides in Leominster, Mass.
- VII. NELLY, born Nov. 4, 1755; married, Capt. John Brown of Fitchburg.
- VIII. JOSEPH, born April 3, 1758; married, 1st, Hannah Kimball of Fitchburg; married, 2d, Martha Nutting of Pepperell; married, 3d, Elizabeth Fletcher of Dunstable.
- IX. WILLIAM, born June 30, 1760; married, July 6, 1780, Irena Boynton; he died May 4, 1837; his wife died May 15, 1835.
- X. DANIEL, born Feb. 19, 1763; died in Troy, Sept. 5, 1832, unmarried.
- XI. ANNE, born Oct. 27, 1765; married Benoni Shurtleff.
- XII. SAMUEL, born Jan. 22, 1769; married Mary Nutting of Pepperell.
- XIII. HETTY, born Oct. 14, 1771; married Joseph Haskell.

DANIEL FARRAR, born in Lincoln, Mass., March 25, 1755; married Lucy, daughter of John and Mary (Joslin) Bruce of Sudbury, Mass. He died Nov. 13, 1837; his wife died Aug. 20, 1838.

- I. ELIZABETH, born Jan. 23, 1776; married, 1st, Nathan Platts; married, 2d, Samuel Rockwood; died Jan. 10, 1836.
- II. DANIEL, born March 24, 1778; died April 29, 1781.
- III. LUCY, born Oct. 31, 1780; married, Dec. 31, 1805, Caleb Winch.
- IV. DANIEL, born Nov. 10, 1782.
- V. SAMUEL, born April 15, 1785; married, Nov. 17, 1808, Lydia Cutting; settled in Vermont.
- VI. JOHN B., born Dec. 17, 1787; married, Aug. 15, 1810, Anna Harvey of Marlborough; died Oct. 14, 1854.
- VII. MARY, born April 14, 1790; married William Winch.
- VIII. SALLY, born Feb. 16, 1792; married Abishai Collins; died Sept. 25, 1843.
- IX. WILLIAM, born Feb. 18, 1794; married, March 20, 1816, Betsey, born Sept. 26, 1793; died Dec. 2, 1881, daughter of Josiah and Lucy (Snow) Whitemore of Phillipston, Mass.; died Jan. 7, 1870. Removed to Monroe County, N. Y., and from there to Hadley, Lapeer County, Mich., where both died. They had fourteen children, of whom twelve lived to maturity and eleven married.
- X. NANCY, born Jan. 5, 1797; married A. Rawson; removed to Vermont.
- XI. TRYPHENA, born Oct. 21, 1799; married Robert Fitz of New Ipswich, where she died in 1842.

GEORGE FARRAR, brother of Daniel, born in Lincoln, Feb. 1, 1760; married — Bruce of Sudbury, Mass.; died Nov. 1, 1824; his widow died March 26, 1825.

- I. GEORGE, born Dec. 8, 1784; married, 1st, Naomi Starkey, who died Sept. 2, 1842; married, 2d, Sally, daughter of John Whitney. Died Oct. 3, 1860.
- II. NAHUM, born Nov. 7, 1786; died 1812.
- III. STEPHEN, born Jan. 1, 1789.
- IV. PATTY, born April 21, 1793; died 1810.
- V. SALLY, born Sept. 11, 1797; married Luther Bemis; died March 24, 1845.

GEORGE FARRAR, son of George, born Dec. 8, 1784; married, 1st, 1817, Naomi Starkey and settled on the farm formerly owned by Ichabod Shaw. He bought the farm of one Piper, who had it of Thayer, and the latter had it of Moses Kenney, who had it of Shaw. Mr. Farrar lived on this place until his death. Mrs. Farrar died in 1842, and he married, 2d, Sally, daughter of John Whitney.

- I. NAOMI E., born 1818; died 1829.
- II. MARTHA, born 1820; married Henry Haskell.
- III. HARRIET NEWELL, born 1822; died 1825.
- IV. NANCY, born 1824; died 1825.
- V. GEORGE ELLIOTT, born 1826; died 1829.
- VI. GEORGE E., born 1830, and died same year.

STEPHEN FARRAR, son of George, born Jan. 1, 1789; married, Dec. 17, 1815, Delila, daughter of Jonathan and Delila (Rhodes) Bemis; died March 2, 1841.

- I. CHARLES, born April 6, 1817; died 1838.
- II. JOHN, born Feb. 3, 1819; died July 24, 1831.
- III. STEPHEN BEMIS, born May 18, 1821; died June, 1826.
- IV. STEPHEN BEMIS, 2d, born Aug. 23, 1826.

STEPHEN BEMIS FARRAR, son of Stephen, born Aug. 23, 1826; married, June 2, 1846, Persis Twitchell of Northfield, Mass., born Sept. 16, 1827; died April 15, 1874. He located on the home farm, the place now occupied by Carlos M. Barnard, where he lived until his death, Nov. 15, 1870, which was caused by falling from a building.

- I. JOHN S., born May 23, 1848; died Nov. 28, 1860.
- II. CHARLES, born Aug. 10, 1850; died Nov. 28, 1860. Both drowned.
- III. JULIA CORA, born Jan. 24, 1862; married, April 9, 1884, Fred S. Schnell, born April 8, 1859.

DANIEL FARRAR, son of Daniel, born Nov. 10, 1782; married, Dec. 30, 1806, Lucena, born April 11, 1780,

daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Goodrich) Mellen. He died Nov. 26, 1867.

- I. HANNAH GOODRICH, born Oct. 11, 1807; died Sept. 14, 1824.
- II. LUCENA, born May 15, 1810; died Dec. 12, 1855.
- III. BETSEY, born April 22, 1813; died Jan. 6, 1892, unmarried.
- IV. DANIEL M., born Nov. 7, 1815.
- V. LEONARD, born Sept. 20, 1817; died June 1, 1876.
- VI. JAMES, born June 29, 1820; married Clara Brown of Warwick, Mass.; died in Adrian, Mich., Dec. 8, 1890.
- VII. HANNAH, born April 25, 1825; died Jan. 30, 1826.

DANIEL MELLEN FARRAR, son of Daniel, born Nov. 7, 1815; married, Feb. 15, 1838, Sophronia Keith, born Dec. 10, 1810; died April 3, 1872; he died March 28, 1870.

- I. DANIEL WARREN, born Nov. 7, 1839.
- II. JOHN LYMAN, born Oct. 6, 1841.
- III. CHARLES ADELBERT, born April 24, 1844.
- IV. ABBIE LUCENA, born Dec. 10, 1848; married Charles E. Kimball; died Sept. 20, 1893.

DANIEL W. FARRAR, son of Daniel M., born Nov. 7, 1839; married, Nov. 7, 1860, Nancy A., born April 9, 1842, daughter of Luther F., and Harriet Piper; died July 14, 1881. Children born in Fitzwilliam.

- I. LULA ESTELLA, born Dec. 4, 1866; married, Jan. 19, 1887, Henry H. Buckwold.
- II. EDITH MAY, born July 24, 1871; married Perley A. Hale.
- III. ADELBERT WARREN, born May 29, 1876.

JOHN LYMAN FARRAR, son of Daniel M., born Oct. 6, 1841; married Ellen Josephine Piper, born May 10, 1845; died April 1, 1875. His widow married, 2d, Feb. 3, 1879, William W. Webster.

- I. WALTER DANIEL, born April 20, 1867.
- II. STEPHEN MELLEN, born Feb. 6, 1869.
- III. JAMES HENRY, born Jan. 30, 1871.
- IV. FRANK WARREN, born May 4, 1873.

CHARLES ADELBERT FARRAR, son of Daniel M., born April 24, 1844; married, April 3, 1865, Charlotte E. Bemis.

- I. MARY ABBIE, born March 11, 1866; married, Dec. 18, 1888, Fred W. Fuller of Westmoreland.
- II. LEONARD ADELBERT, born Sept. 28, 1869; married, September, 1894, Mary Bennett. One child, *Leonard Charles*, born Nov. 13, 1895. Resides in Malden, Mass.

- III. FRED JONES, born July 28, 1871; married, Nov. 12, 1896, Ida E., daughter of Levi A. and Emily L. (Adams) Fuller of Marlborough.
- IV. NELLIE IDA, born Oct. 28, 1875.
- V. CHARLOTTE BEMIS, born June 10, 1877.

ELIAS FRENCH FARR, was born in Windham, Vt., June 30, 1831; married, 1st, Nov. 24, 1857, Janette Weir, born in Victor, Nova Scotia, Jan. 17, 1833, who died Aug. 9, 1892; killed by the cars on the railroad bridge at the North end. Mr. Farr, married, 2d, Nov. 24, 1896, Mrs. Angelia Burpee.

- I. GEORGE HENRY, born Oct. 22, 1858; married, June 11, 1881, Ella M., daughter of William N. Watson. One child, *William Henry*, born in Troy, Oct. 30, 1885.
- II. JOHN THOMAS, born Oct. 12, 1860; married, June 17, 1885, Flora G. Coburn of Jaffrey. Children: 1. *Gladys*; 2. *Ralph*.
- III. ETTA, born Jan. 17, 1862; married, June 4, 1884, Edwin Ray of West Gardner, Mass. Children: 1. *Vurwill Maynard Ray*; 2. *Ethel Idell Ray*.
- IV. JAMES, born Dec. 30, 1864; married, June 17, 1891, Martha M. Emery of Jaffrey. One child, *Leila*.
- V. FLORINDA, born Dec. 8, 1867; married, Aug. 1, 1892, Earl H. Whitney of Athol, Mass. One child, *Harold Francis Whitney*.

FASSETT. Patrick Fassett and his wife Sarah, came from Rock Fassett Castle, Ireland, and settled in Lexington, Mass. There is a tradition that the ancestors of the family were refugees who fled from Scotland to escape religious persecution, and that the name Fassett was assumed to conceal their identity, the original name being Macpherson. The proper English pronunciation of the name Fassett gives the broad sound to the *a*, and in England as well as in this country, some branches of the family spell the name Fawcett or Fossett, as being less liable to mispronunciation. The final consonant is often writtensingle. The oldest children of Patrick and Sarah were:

Joseph, born Oct. 2, 1672; died June, 1754; resided in Lexington. By wife Mary had a son,

Joseph, born Dec. 6, 1701; died Aug. 14, 1755; married Amity Willard, whose father was from Wales. Had six children of whom the fourth,



John, born Dec. 7, 1739; married Isabel Bogle of Natick, Mass. They came to Fitzwilliam about 1768, their third child, Joseph, being the first white male child born in that town. They had eight children, Willard, John, Joseph, Obil, Thomas, Isabel, Benjamin and Lucy.

Obil, born Aug. 25, 1771; married, Sept. 28, 1794, Lois, born April 5, 1768; died Aug. 11, 1847, daughter of Levi and Ruth (Darling) Bixby of Winchendon. He died Nov. 14, 1842. They had Joseph, Benjamin, John, Francis Benjamin, Isabel, Stephen Franklin, Clarissa, Obil William, two sons, twins, Eunice Bixby, Dr. Thomas Willard.

JOSEPH FASSETT, son of Obil, born May 1, 1795; married, March 3, 1820, Tabitha, born Sept. 12, 1791; died Sept. 6, 1871, daughter of Joel and Tabitha Wright of Fitzwilliam. Was in the woodenware and lumber business in Fitzwilliam; removed January, 1836, to Jaffrey; built the first half-way house on the Monadnock.

- I. TABITHA B., born Aug. 26, 1820; married Edward B. H. Stewart.
- II. JOSEPH WRIGHT, born June 7, 1822.
- III. LOIS BIXBY, born Nov. 1, 1823; married Abel Thompson, born Dec. 13, 1815; died Oct. 7, 1846.
- IV. JOHN BENJAMIN, born Oct. 12, 1825; married, Nov. 23, 1851, Lydia Ann Phelps of Winchester; died in Springfield, Mass., Oct. 24, 1886.
- V. JOEL E., born Aug. 8, 1827; went to Boston when quite young and lived there until the war of the Rebellion, when he enlisted in Company E., Second Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers, where he saw much service. After the war he returned to the old homestead in Jaffrey, where he died May 11, 1864.
- VI. EDWARD GARDNER, born Sept. 16, 1829; died May 20, 1850.
- VII. LUTHER W., born Nov. 12, 1831; married, Sept. 24, 1856, Sarah E., daughter of Dr. Thomas Willard Fassett. He served in Second Regiment and was killed at Evansport, Va., April 2, 1862. One child, *Carrie*.
- VIII. DANVERSE C., born May 2, 1834.
- IX. CLARISSA C., born June 9, 1836; married Sumner Wilbur; died Dec. 26, 1856.

DANVERSE C. FASSETT, son of Joseph, born May 2, 1834; married, Aug. 18, 1855, Hannah Hammond, born Jan. 12, 1836; died Nov. 15, 1895.

- I. GARDNER C., born Oct. 19, 1857; married, 1st, Annie Brine; married, 2d, Josie Luther; resides in Reading, Mass.
- II. ELLSWORTH L., born March 11, 1863; married, 1st, July 4, 1882, Jessie M., adopted daughter of Henry A. Spofford; married, 2d, Aug. 4, 1891, Elleanor Mabel Robinson, born Oct. 26, 1870.



DANVERSE C. FASSETT.

JOSEPH WRIGHT FASSETT, son of Joseph, born June 7, 1822; married, 1st, Nov. 16, 1847, Sarah A. Putney, who died Dec. 13, 1873, from injuries received by being thrown from a carriage on Ward Hill; married, 2d, Nov. 5, 1874, Mrs. Emily L. (White) Dunn of Sullivan, who died April 7, 1888; married, 3d, Mrs. Eliza N. Powers. Mr. Fassett died July 23, 1891, caused from

having his neck broken by being thrown from a mowing machine while at work in a field near his house. After his first marriage, Mr. Fassett lived for a few years in this town and in Boston, Mass.; but in 1854, he returned to Jaffrey and bought the old homestead farm, on which he resided until his death. He was chosen and appointed to many offices of honor, trust and responsibility. Children born, I and III in Troy, II in Boston.

- I. CHARLES WRIGHT, born Dec. 3, 1848; married, Oct. 5, 1876, Adelia P., born Jan. 14, 1847, daughter of Thomas and Marietta (Cutter) Upton of Jaffrey, where he resides. One child, *Fred Wright*.
- II. ABBIE ANN, born Jan. 14, 1851; married, Oct. 10, 1878, Alvin H. Simonds of Fitchburg, Mass.; died Nov. 22, 1879. One child, *Susan Ethel Simonds*, born Oct. 22, 1879.
- III. FRANK P., born March 2, 1853; died Dec. 19, 1863.
- IV. HENRY J., born Dec. 19, 1863, in Fitzwilliam. (Adopted).

DANIEL A. FIELD, son of Dexter Field, born in Leverett, Mass., July 17, 1839; married, August, 1866, Mary E., daughter of George W. and Mary (Bemis) Brown. Children born, I, II, III, IV, V, and VIII in Troy, VI, VII in Jaffrey.

- I. LIZZIE IDELLA, born Dec. 1, 1866; married, May 30, 1889, Charles H. Cornell.
- II. GEORGE EDWARD, born July 21, 1889.
- III. WYNNA MABEL, born Jan. 6, 1873.
- IV. WARREN DEXTER, born April 13, 1875.
- V. FRED BROWN, born Aug. 31, 1876.
- VI. CHARLES ARTHUR, born Aug. 9, 1879.
- VII. JOHNNIE WASHINGTON, born Nov. 9, 1881.
- VIII. CLIFFORD ENNIS, born July 2, 1883.

FIFE. "The surname Fife claims to be descended from a younger son of Fife Macduf, Earl of Fife, from which title they have the name and carry the arms."—(Lowes' Family Names of the United Kingdom.) "It is not doubted that those of the name of Fife are descendants of Fife Macduf. They have the paternal arms of Macduff."—(Old Manuscript furnished by Joseph Bainbridge Fife, M. D.) While it is true that the name had its origin in the foregoing manner, it is believed to have also been

assumed by natives of the county of Fife, Scotland, other than descendants of Fife Macduff, and, as applied to their descendants, is a local surname. The county is spelled Fife, but in Scotland the surname is most often spelled Fyfe.

This is one of the oldest families in Scotland, as is shown by its frequent and honorable mention in Scotland's history from the very commencement of the use of surnames, and by traditions handed down in the family from generation to generation. James and William were the ancestors of the Fife family in this country. They were natives of Fifeshire, Scotland, and were among the early settlers of Bolton, Mass. James married Patience Butler, a native of Bolton. They had twelve children, among whom were Silas and Robert.

DEA. SILAS FIFE, son of James and Patience (Butler) Fife, born in Bolton, Mass., Oct. 4, 1743; married, Aug. 15, 1772, Abigail Houghton, a native of Bolton. He was one of the earliest settlers in this region. He united with the Congregational church in Marlborough in 1779, and was made one of the deacons, June 22, 1791, and continued to hold the office until Sept. 3, 1815, when he withdrew from the Marlborough church in order to unite with the church here, on account of its being nearer his residence. He held various positions of honor and trust in town with credit to himself and advantage to his fellow citizens.

- I. SAMUEL, born June 27, 1773.
- II. BETSEY, born May 3, 1775; married William Tenney; died June 22, 1821.
- III. SILAS, born April 21, 1777; married Abigail Johnson; removed to Halifax, Vt., where he died April 12, 1834. One child: *Otis*, born July 17, 1810; married, Oct. 15, 1832, Temperance Pearce; died in Oswego, N. Y., May 2, 1843.
- IV. JOHN, born Feb. 6, 1779.
- V. JAMES, born Nov. 14, 1780; married Mrs. Coy; died in Troy, 1840.
- VI. ABIGAIL, born Dec. 2, 1782; died in childhood.
- VII. BENJAMIN, born March 24, 1786; married Betsey Newton; died in Troy, Nov. 24, 1842.

- VIII. AMOS, born Oct. 14, 1790; married Nancy, daughter of Reuben Ward; he died in Boston, Dec. 18, 1830.
- IX. TIMOTHY, born April 24, 1792.
- X. NATHAN, born Feb. 22, 1795; married Margaret Bird; died at Isle-au-Haute, Me., October, 1834.

SAMUEL FIFE, son of Deacon Silas, born June 27, 1773; married, 1st, Sept. 6, 1806, Anna, daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Collins) Emerson of Marlborough, born May 27, 1782, and died in Jaffrey, July 28, 1818; married, 2d, April 1, 1819, Sarah Thayer, born in Richmond, Aug. 15, 1776, and died in Elmore, Vt., June 20, 1847. He died in Elmore, Oct. 15, 1851. Children: I, II, III by first wife; IV and V by second wife.

- I. ALMOND, born March 4, 1811; married, Jan. 5, 1841, Marinda Peck; died Sept. 3, 1868.
- II. ABBA, born July 5, 1814; married, Jan. 28, 1836, Charlotte Courser; resides in Iowa.
- III. MIRA, born April 19, 1818; married Jason M. Kendrick of Wilmington, N. Y.; died April 5, 1848.
- IV. EMERSON, born Nov. 13, 1819; died November, 1853, unmarried.
- V. SILAS, born April 20, 1825; married, Jan. 1, 1857, Sarah Allen; resides in Chicago.

JOHN FIFE, son of Deacon Silas, born Feb. 6, 1779; married Sarah Seward, born March 27, 1774; died in Peterborough, Aug. 24, 1858; he died there May 7, 1843.

- I. ABIGAIL, born July 29, 1800; married, Oct. 12, 1823, Samuel Stratton; resided in Jaffrey.
- II. WILLIAM, born Nov. 23, 1803; married, 1st, April 27, 1833, Ruth Gott; married, 2d, Dec. 22, 1847, Sarah Sellers; died at Ellsworth, Me., June 2, 1857.
- III. JOHN, born Jan. 31, 1807; married, Nov. 4, 1830, Caroline Stone; resides in Charlotte, N. Y.
- IV. MARY, born June 27, 1808; died 1828, unmarried.
- V. ELMIRA, born Aug. 11, 1811; died March 16, 1895.
- VI. ELVIRA, born Aug. 11, 1811; died Dec. 8, 1894. Both lived and died in Peterborough, unmarried.

TIMOTHY FIFE, son of Deacon Silas, born April 24, 1782; married, 1821, Mary Jones of Framingham, and located on the farm with his father, and resided there till the death of the latter, when he came into possession of the farm. In 1848, he sold this place to William A.



Harris, and purchased of George Bemis the farm now owned by John Tatro, where he lived until his death, Dec. 12, 1871. Mrs. Fife died Feb. 10, 1856.

- I. DANIEL JONES, born Aug. 11, 1823; married, 1st, Sept. 23, 1851, Lony Alzina, born July 8, 1833; died Dec. 1, 1862, daughter of Enoch and Lucy (Hodgkins) Garfield; married, 2d, March 24, 1864, Lizzie H., born Jan. 27, 1840, daughter of Jabez, Jr., and Mary Jane (Perkins) Morse. Children: 1. *Arthur Frederick*, born Feb. 27, 1866; 2. *Grace Frances*, born April 24, 1872; died Oct. 16, 1884.
- II. BETSEY T., born Dec. 24, 1824; married Jacob N. Harrington; died May 29, 1868.
- III. SARAH E., born May 23, 1826; married William A. Harris; died July 28, 1897.
- IV. MARY M., born Aug. 18, 1827; died Aug. 19, 1847.
- V. RACHAEL, born Oct. 30, 1828; married, January, 1862, Joseph Bailey, who died June 26, 1888; died March 14, 1892.

ROBERT FITTS was a native of Royalston, Mass., and came here in 1809 or 1810 with his widowed mother, and resided several years in the Whipple house. Married, 1825, Tryphena Farrar. He was a mechanic and was represented as being a very ingenious man and given to new inventions. Soon after coming here he built a shop which stood near the old blanket mill, and in this he constructed several machines which were propelled by water. This shop was burned in 1825. He lived here until about 1827, when he went to Mason and afterwards to New Ipswich.

- I. ROBERT, lived in Ashburnham.
- II. MARY, married — White of New Ipswich.
- III. KEZIAH, married — Kenyon; lived in Ashburnham.
- IV. SAMUEL, lived in Ashburnham.
- V. LUCY, lived with her father.
- VI. GEORGIANNA, died in infancy.

FORRISTALL. Jesse and Joseph Forristall, sons of John and Thankful (Jones) Forristall of Holliston, Mass., came to this region in the spring of 1781. Joseph settled on land now within the limits of Troy.

JOSEPH FORRISTALL, born 1758; died April 12, 1848; married, 1778, Hannah, born 1764; died May 2, 1849;

daughter of Joseph and Mary (Parker) Mellen of Holiston, Mass.

- I. BETSEY, born Dec. 31, 1780; married Samuel Hemenway of Fitzwilliam.
- II. KEZIAH, born Sept. 17, 1782; married, Feb. 2, 1809, Thomas Gould of Swanzey; died May 11, 1844.
- III. JOHN, born Feb. 23, 1786; married Mary Parker; resided in Winchendon.
- IV. HANNAH, born Sept. 9, 1789; married Samuel Stone of Fitzwilliam; resided in Swanzey.
- V. POLLY, born March 6, 1792; married Rufus Gould; resided in Cavendish, Vt.
- VI. JOSEPH MELLEN, born Oct. 18, 1794.
- VII. JONAS, born Oct. 18, 1794; married Lucy Blanding; resided in Sutton, Mass.
- VIII. DEXTER, born July 22, 1797.
- IX. EZRA, born Sept. 20, 1799; married, April 12, 1825, Betsey, daughter of George and Betsey (Lawrence) Starkey; died March 3, 1872; resided in Boston, Mass.
- X. BELINDA, born 1802; died Jan. 7, 1808.
- XI. ALEXANDER, born 1805; married, Jan. 9, 1831, Mary L., daughter of George and Betsey (Lawrence) Starkey; died at Woodbury, L. I., June 25, 1847; she died at Chelsea, Mass., July 31, 1875.
- XII. THOMAS J., born 1807; married Jane Chamberlain; died Feb. 4, 1850.
- XIII. SYLVENDER, born 1809; married, 1st, Hannah Knight; 2d, Harriet Gorham; resides in Chelsea, Mass.

JOSEPH M. FORRISTALL, son of Joseph, born Oct. 18, 1794; married, March 9, 1818, Fanny, born Dec. 22, 1797, daughter of Benjamin and Sally (Haskell) Brigham; died Oct. 14, 1864. His wife died April 12, 1889. After his marriage he located on the farm formerly owned by Caleb Winch, where he resided six years. After this he lived on the Sanders farm two years, then leased the tavern built by Josiah Morse, and kept the public house two years. He resided a short time in the Whipple house, but in 1829, he built the Flint house, now owned by E. F. Adams, and resided there six years. In 1833, he purchased of Asa Porter, the sawmill at the North end, built by Silas Wheeler. At this time there was a high sand bank at the junction of the two roads near the mill, and Mr. Forristall levelled this and built upon its site the house now owned by Leonard Boyce. He was a very

athletic, industrious man and did much to improve the condition of the town, and enjoyed the full confidence of his fellow citizens. He held many town offices and represented the town in the Legislature for two years.



JOSEPH M. FORRISTALL.

- I. CZARINA, born March 18, 1819; married Henry A. Porter.
- II. FRANKLIN BRIGHAM, born Dec. 15, 1821.
- III. SAMIRA, born Oct. 31, 1823; married Austin B. Gates; died May 26, 1882.
- IV. JOSEPH N., born April 19, 1826.
- V. BENJAMIN BRIGHAM, born May 2, 1830.
- VI. ALPHEUS MERRILL, born Jan. 1, 1833.
- VII. HENRY M., born Sept. 6, 1835.
- VIII. SARAH JANE, born May 18, 1838; died March 30, 1851.

BENJAMIN B. FORRISTALL, son of Joseph M., born May 2, 1830; married, March 23, 1853, Harriet E. Shannon.

- I. EDWIN B., born Aug. 18, 1862; married, Dec. 21, 1886, Elberta G., daughter of George and Nellie (Converse) Brown.
- II. FREDERICK G., born Dec. 10, 1868; married, July 8, 1889, Catherine C. Downie of Fitchburg. Children: 1. *Fred E. B.*, born Jan. 18, 1891; 2. *Ralph D.*, born April 14, 1894.

ALPHEUS M. FORRISTALL, son of Joseph M., born Jan. 1, 1833; married, Jan. 1, 1856, Sarah M. Adams; resides in Cliftondale, Mass.



STEPHEN A. D. FORRISTALL.

- I. HERBERT M., born Aug. 14, 1859; married, Sept. 30, 1886, Emma J. Radden of Cliftondale.

- II. STEPHEN A. D., born Sept. 10, 1861; married, May 6, 1884, Katherine P. Cross of Keene; resides in Cliftondale, Mass.; he is at present superintendent of telegraph of the Boston & Maine railroad system. One child: *Phillip M.*, born Feb. 19, 1888.

- III. ANNA L., born Nov. 9, 1863; died Oct. 12, 1880.

FRANKLIN B. FORRISTALL, son of Joseph M., born Dec. 15, 1821; married, Sept. 15, 1846, Martha Ann, daughter of William and Patty (Haskell) Lawrence; died May 5, 1884. His widow died Oct. 7, 1890.

- I. MARIETTA M., born Dec. 12, 1847; married Levi Randall of Keene; died Nov. 21, 1890.
- II. HANNAH E., born Jan. 20; died April 3, 1851.
- III. SARAH JANE, born April 13, 1852.
- IV. GEORGE H., born Sept. 17, 1853.

JOSEPH N. FORRISTALL, son of Joseph M., born April 19, 1826; married, Sept. 10, 1851, Mary Ann, daughter of Abner and Laura (Lawrence) Haskell; died June 1, 1871.

- I. WILLARD NOYES, born in Swansey, Sept. 19, 1865; married, Nov. 15, 1888, Lucretia Marshall of Stamford, Conn.; resides in Hartford, Conn. One child: *Joseph Marshall*, born Aug. 4, 1891.
- II. E. VIOLA, adopted daughter; died June 2, 1863, aged eight years.

HENRY M. FORRISTALL, son of Joseph M., born Sept. 6, 1835; married, Dec. 25, 1859, Helen M. Ormsby, at Elkhart, Ind. He returned to Troy where he lived until 1862, when he located in Edwardsburgh, Mich., remaining about two years, when he went to Grinnell, Iowa, where he died Jan. 31, 1867. His widow resides at Tecumseh, Mich.

- I. LINCOLN M., born in Troy, Oct. 18, 1860; died in Tecumseh, Dec. 31, 1891; unmarried.
- II. FANNIE MAY, born in Grinnell, July 3, 1865; died March 4, 1868.

FRANCIS FOSTER was born in Worcester, Mass., in 1812; married, March 11, 1835, Susan W. Packard. Mrs. Foster's father, Jonathan Packard, was born in Oakham, Mass., in 1790, and died in 1856. Her paternal grandfather, Caleb Packard, was born in Oakham, in 1764, and died in 1847. Her great-grandfather, Ichabod Packard, was a native of Bridgewater, Mass. Her mother, whose maiden name was Susan Crawford, was a native of Oakham. Her maternal grandfather was



born in Oakham, her great-grandfather in Rutland, Mass., her great-great-grandfather in Ireland. Her great-great-great-grandfather was a native of Scotland, where he remained till he married; he then set out for America, but the laws were such at that time as to prevent his coming, and consequently he went to Ireland, where his son, the ancestor of Mrs. Foster, was born. The Fosters, it has been said, descended from the renowned Miles Standish, but the statement is not authenticated. Calvin Foster, the father of Francis, was born in Dudley, Mass., in 1782, married and resided



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some time in Worcester, but died in Colebrook in 1830. Calvin Foster's father was a native of Harvard, and died there in 1782. Francis Foster became a citizen of Troy in the early part of 1843, and resided some time in the house afterwards owned by Edwin Buttrick. He was a tanner and currier, and carried on the business for several years under the name of Wright & Foster. He sold his interest in 1860, to Leonard Wright and moved to Keene, where he continued in business till within a year of his death. The business was afterwards carried on by his son until a few years since. Mrs. Foster died in Keene, April 13, 1877. Mr. Foster died July 23, 1877.

- I. SUSAN MARIA, born Aug. 8, 1836; married, Aug. 20, 1863, James Ruby Sibley of Stafford Springs, Conn.; resides in Lynn, Mass. Children: 1. *Frederick James Sibley*, born Feb. 3, 1866; 2. *Charles Ruby Sibley*, born March 21, 1869; married, July 29, 1891,

Georgie May Pierce of Lynn. Children: Edna R., born April 22, 1892; Charles R., Jr., born Nov. 13, 1895; 3. *Mary Foster Sibley*, born Jan. 13, 1872; married, Oct. 23, 1893, Herbert Grant Morse of Fitchburg; 4. *Martha Louise Sibley*, born Aug. 2, 1874.

- II. LUCY JANE, born Sept. 27, 1838; married, Feb. 26, 1863, Joseph W. Cross, Jr. Children: 1. *Katherine Prentiss Cross*, born May 17, 1864; married S. A. Douglass Forristall; 2. *Francis Foster Cross*, born Oct. 13, 1866; 3. *Gertrude May Cross*, born Jan. 8, 1869; 4. *Robert Morrison Cross*, born Aug. 3, 1872; 5. *Frank Eugene Cross*, born June 30, 1876. The family reside in Somerville, Mass., the sons being employed in the dry goods business in Boston.
- III. MARTHA ALAMANZA, born Dec. 27, 1841; married, Dec. 8, 1862, Hiram Allen Crawford, born in Oakham, Mass., July 22, 1832; resides in Buckworth, Victoria, Australia. Children: 1. *Hiram Allen Crawford, Jr.*, born Sept. 28, 1863; died July 25, 1866; 2. *Gertrude Maria Crawford*, born May 25, 1865; died Jan. 9, 1866; 3. *Susan Maud Crawford*, born May 25, 1867; 4. *Walter Carleton Crawford*, born Feb. 18, 1870; married, May 28, 1895, Jessie Haeffner.
- IV. MARY CAROLINE, born Aug. 15, 1844; married, June 26, 1867, Rev. Silas P. Cook; died April 9, 1883, in Chelsea, Mass.
- V. FRANK EUGENE, born June 30, 1848.
- VI. ADDIE ISABEL, born July 12, 1853; married, June 25, 1873, Solon E. Buffum of Keene; resides in Taunton, Mass., where Mr. Buffum is at the head of the large carpet department of N. H. Skinner. Children: 1. *Walter Solon Buffum*, born Aug. 16, 1874; 2. *Grace Isabel Buffum*, born Jan. 8, 1877.
- VII. JULIA GERTRUDE, born June 21, 1856; married, 1879, Charles E. Hutchinson, who was a native of Rutland, Vt.; resides in Fitchburg, Mass. Mr. Hutchinson is express messenger from Fitchburg to Boston on the New York, New Haven and Hartford R. R. Children: 1. *Hazel Foster Hutchinson*, born Feb. 6, 1884; 2. *Margaret Isabel Hutchinson*, born Nov. 3, 1885.

EDWARD S. FOSTER, born Oct. 22, 1833; married, 1st, Nov. 13, 1862, Louisa A., daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Bowen) Alexander; she died May 13, 1876; he married, 2d, Nov. 1, 1878, Helen L., daughter of Nehemiah and Lydia C. (Benjamin) Adams.

- I. FRANK E., born Feb. 13, 1865; died Sept. 12, 1872.
- II. LEON W., born Sept. 3, 1871; died Dec. 4, 1891. Committed suicide by shooting.

ANDREW S. FOSTER, born in Ashburnham, Mass., Dec. 1, 1836; married, Sept. 13, 1862, Lizzie S., daughter of Joseph and Adeline (Chase) Hale, born in Winchendon,

Mass., Aug. 29, 1844; died April 2, 1895. Settled on the Allen place in 1877.

- I. ARTHUR E., adopted son, born March 31, 1871.
- JOSEPH M. FOSTER, born in Sheldon, Vt., Sept. 10, 1840; married, July 22, 1865, Luna A. Wright, born in Enosburg, Vt., Feb. 15, 1841. Children born, I to V, in Montgomery, Vt., VI to X, in Troy.
- I. EDMUND E., born June 13, 1866; married Lilla E. Rice. One child, *Elsie L.*, born Sept. 9, 1894.
  - II. ALMA R., born Oct. 28, 1861; married Albert Potter; resides in Gardner, Mass. Children: 1. *Harold W. Potter*, born Sept. 17, 1891; 2. *Ethel M. Potter*, born Jan. 7, 1894; 3. *Gladys E. Potter*, born July 22, 1895.
  - III. LONA E., born Sept. 5, 1870; married, Aug. 18, 1892, Charles M. Russell.
  - IV. JESSE A., born March 30, 1873.
  - V. ARLIN E., born Nov. 10, 1875.
  - VI. CORNELIUS C., born April 26, 1878.
  - VII. ALICE M., born May 12, 1880.
  - VIII. NELLIE L., born Sept. 9, 1883.
  - IX. LILLIAN M., born May 2, 1886.
  - X. MARTHA B., born Dec. 2, 1888.

CHARLES FREEMAN, born 1856; married, May 30, 1880, Eliza Palidee, who was born October, 1863.

- I. ABBIE, born Aug. 13, 1882.
- II. ARTHUR, born Nov. 11, 1884.
- III. CHARLES, born June 26, 1887.
- IV. HENRY, born June 15, 1889.
- V. FRANK, born June 23, 1891.
- VI. LEON E., born Sept. 28, 1892.
- VII. EDNA K., born Jan. 10, 1895; died June 2, 1896.
- VIII. BERTHA EDNA, born March 1, 1897.

ALFRED FREEMAN, married, February, 1881, Louisa Palidee, born December, 1868.

- I. MALVINA, born Sept. 4, 1883.
- II. EVA, born Jan. 1, 1889.
- III. MARY ALICE, born April 23, 1892.

STEPHEN FREEMAN, married, Oct. 14, 1890, Mary Barron.

- I. MARY URELLA, born Feb. 29, 1892.
- II. INA FRANCES, born Nov. 15, 1893.

JOSEPH FRENCH is supposed to have come from Attleborough, Mass., where his grandfather settled about

the year 1720. He located in the northeast part of what is now Troy, on the farm now owned by Joseph Haskell. He resided there until about 1808, when he sold his farm to Hezekiah Hodgkins and removed to Ludlow, Vt.

- I. ARETHUSA, married, June 5, 1804, Joseph Mason, Jr., of Dublin.
- II. SARAH, married, Jan. 1, 1800, Samuel Thurston of Marlborough; died March 2, 1839.
- III. BRIDGET, married, June 23, 1803, Jonas Knight of Fitzwilliam; died Oct. 13, 1804.
- IV. VRYLING, died Nov. 14, 1804, aged 25.

DAVID FROST, son of Sylvester Frost of Marlborough, born Aug. 11, 1818; married, Aug. 29, 1843, Abigail T., daughter of Stephen and Polly (Wright) Wheeler, and commenced housekeeping in the Jacob Boyce house. Mr. Frost came to Troy with his father, March 28, 1827. He was employed in the store of Dexter Whittemore, in Fitzwilliam about three years, and commenced trade in Troy, in April, 1841, and continuing until 1851. He moved from Troy to Fitchburg in 1853, where he died Dec. 22, 1872.

- I. ABBY ANN, born in Troy, Nov. 16, 1846; died Dec. 15, 1851.
- II. ROGER PERLEY, born in Fitchburg, Oct. 11, 1854.

FULLER. John Fuller, the first ancestor of the families in Troy bearing this name, was one of the first settlers of Cambridge Village, now Newton, Mass. He was born in 1611, and settled there about 1644, and was one of the largest land owners in the village, owning upwards of one thousand acres. This land at his death was divided among his five sons, who lived to the following ages: John, 75; Jonathan, 74; Joseph, 88; Joshua, 98; Jeremiah, 83. The "History of Newton" says that twenty-two of the descendants of John Fuller went into the army of the Revolution. He died Feb. 7, 1698-99; and his widow, Elizabeth, died April 13, 1700. His son John, born 1645; married, 1682, Abigail Boylston; settled in Newton, and had nine children, among whom was Isaac,

born Nov. 22, 1695; married Abigail—, and had among others, Abijah, born June 1, 1723; married Lydia Richardson of Newton.

ELIJAH FULLER, son of Abijah and Lydia (Richardson) Fuller, was born in Newton, Mass., Feb. 11, 1766; married Lucretia Smith, born in Holden, Mass., about 1765. He came here in 1797, and settled on West Hill. Mr. Fuller died in 1822. His wife survived him and died in 1863, at the ripe age of 97.

- I. ISAAC, born in Hubbardston, Mass., Nov. 14, 1794.
- II. MARTHA, born Dec. 14, 1797; married Abel Garfield, died in Keene, 1878.
- III. LYDIA, born June 9, 1800; died March 11, 1811.
- IV. LUCRETIA, born Aug. 1, 1805; married John E. Jackson; removed to Vermont.
- V. ELIJAH, born April 6, 1808; fell into scalding water and died Jan. 12, 1812.
- VI. HARRIET, born April 21, 1810.

CAPT. ISAAC FULLER, a brother of Elijah, born in Newton, Mass., 1775; married Patty Howe of Holden, Mass., where he resided a short time before coming here in 1797. He died in 1819, perishing in a storm while returning home from the village, one stormy night in the winter of that year.

- I. AMASA, born in Holden, Dec. 7, 1797.
- II. LUCRETIA, born Jan. 11, 1800; married Ezra Alexander; died June 11, 1873.
- III. PATTY, born Sept. 6, 1802; married David Jackson of Wallingford, Vt.; she was killed by lightning, Sept. 3, 1847.
- IV. NANCY, born Jan. 11, 1805; married, Aug. 17, 1823, Andrew Sherman, who died May 26, 1871; resided in Keene.
- V. DOROTHY, born April 5, 1807; died June 22, 1807.
- VI. STILLMAN, born July 22, 1808; died March 16, 1809.
- VII. LYDIA, born Feb. 9, 1810; married Rufus Jackson; resides in Wallingford, Vt.
- VIII. ISAAC, born Aug. 3, 1812; died July 3, 1814.
- IX. HARRIET, born Feb. 28, 1815; died Sept. 14, 1818.
- X. ELIZA, born June 28, 1817; married—Sherman; resides in Brookfield, Mass.

ISAAC FULLER, eldest son of Elijah, born Nov. 14, 1794; married, Feb. 7, 1818, Temperance Hinckley of Barnstable, Mass., born Nov. 11, 1792. He lived some



years with his father, but in 1830, moved into the Josiah Wheeler house, where he resided two years, then came to the village, where he died Dec. 14, 1833.

- I. MARTHA H., born March 15, 1819; married Peleg Sherman of Mount Holly, Vt.
- II. ISAAC RICHARDSON, born Aug. 13, 1820; married Laura Jackson of Mount Holly.
- III. LYDIA, born June 12, 1822; married Winthrop Knight; died Nov. 12, 1866.
- IV. WILLIAM, born March 15, 1824; died April 12, 1825.
- V. CHARLES, born April 13, 1827; died Feb. 1, 1832.
- VI. HARRIET E., born Nov. 1, 1829; married Joseph E. Lawrence; died Sept. 20, 1892.

AMASA FULLER, son of Capt. Isaac, born Dec. 7, 1797; married, 1st, Anna, daughter of Jonathan and Delilah (Rhodes) Bemis; she died June 19, 1826. Mr. Fuller, married, 2d, Jan. 11, 1827, Hannah Jackson of Wallingford, Vt., born Nov. 5, 1803. Mrs. Hannah Fuller died April 5, 1845; and Mr. Fuller, married, 3d, Oct. 2, 1845, Mrs. Mary (Knight) Hager of Troy, born Feb. 14, 1802; died in Troy, Jan. 20, 1867; he married, 4th, Mrs. Lovey P. Kidder, born Oct. 6, 1813. He died in Swanzey, July 18, 1879.

- I. ISAAC, born in Troy, Aug. 10, 1819.
- II. ELMIRA, born April 9, 1822; married, July 16, 1846, Stephen Harris; died in Swanzey, May, 1847.
- III. ANNA, born Feb. 14, 1826; died Nov. 23, 1826.
- IV. A daughter, born June 11, 1828; died July 18, 1828.
- V. A son, born April 29, 1829; died April 30, 1829.
- VI. ELVIRA, born Sept. 21, 1830; died March 6, 1833.
- VII. A daughter, born March 1, 1832; died March 6, 1833.
- VIII. AMASA, born Sept. 28, 1833; married, Sept. 13, 1855, Georgianna D. Taylor of Winchendon, born Sept. 13, 1834; she died July 4, 1896. One child, *Edward S.* (adopted son), born in Winchendon, June 25, 1866; died April 6, 1886.
- IX. LEVI A., born May 4, 1836.
- X. A son, born July 31, 1838; died same day.
- XI. ERWIN J., born Sept. 19, 1839; married, Sept. 16, 1865, Czarina W. Jacobs, born in Royalston, June 8, 1841; resides in Winchendon. Three children.

ISAAC FULLER, son of Amasa, born Aug. 10, 1819; married, Dec. 12, 1843, Hepzibah, daughter of Abel and Martha (Fuller) Garfield. He died Nov. 7, 1866; and

she married, 2d, Dec. 8, 1870, Asa B. Clark; she married, 3d, Dec. 2, 1875, Samuel B. Aldrich; she died in Keene, May 4, 1895.

- I. JULIA M., born Feb. 4, 1847; married, July 16, 1868, Edwin F. Stockwell of Keene; died July 28, 1868. He died April 26, 1871.
- II. GEORGE E., born Dec. 13, 1850; married, Jan. 24, 1872, Mattie A., daughter of Luther and Lydia S. (Harris) Alexander.
- III. FREDERICK A., born Sept. 2, 1853; married, April 8, 1874, Fannie M. Blanding, born April 24, 1853; she died — —; married, 2d, June 1, 1887, Carrie Cram of Gardner, Mass. One child, *Winfred I.*, born Oct. 29, 1875.
- IV. ANDREW I., born Sept. 22, 1858; married, Oct. 18, 1876, Bessie A., daughter of Harvey S. and Adaline B. Gates; resides in Swanzey. One child, *Julia M.*, born March 14, 1879.

LEVI A. FULLER, son of Amasa, born May 4, 1836; married, 1st, Feb. 22, 1860, Elvira L., adopted daughter of Joseph Bemis of Ashburnham, born June 4, 1839; died Nov. 15, 1865. He was elected deacon of the Congregational church in Marlborough, Oct. 30, 1874; Mr. Fuller married, 2d, Oct. 30, 1866, Emily L., daughter of Dr. Willard and Anstris (Joslin) Adams of Swanzey, born July 28, 1848.

- I. CORA A., born June 24, 1862; died July 27, 1862.
- II. ELMER A., born Dec. 27, 1863; married — Wilson.
- III. IDA E., born Nov. 16, 1871; married Fred J. Farrar.
- IV. WALTER T., born July 6, 1876.
- V. ARTHUR LEVI, born July 2, 1882.
- VI. CORA ANSTRIS, born July 2, 1887.

GARFIELD. The Garfields of this country are mostly descendants of Edward Garfield, one of the earliest proprietors of Watertown, Mass. He married, 1st, Rebecca —, the mother of his children. She died April 16, 1661, aged 55; and he married, 2d, Sept. 1, 1661, Johanna, widow of Thomas Buckminster of Brookline. He died June 14, 1762. His youngest son, Benjamin, born 1643, married, 1st, Mehitable Hawkins, who died Dec. 9, 1675; and he married, 2d, Jan. 17, 1677-78, Elizabeth Bridge. He was representative of Watertown nine times between 1689 and 1717. He died Nov. 28, 1717. Thomas, son of Benjamin

and Elizabeth (Bridge) Garfield, born Dec. 12, 1680, settled in Weston, Mass., where he married, Jan. 2, 1706-7, Mary, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Flagg) Bigelow, who died Feb. 28, 1744-45. He died Feb. 4, 1752. His son John, born Dec. 3, 1718, married, 1744-45, Thankful Stowell. He died May, 1767.

JOHN GARFIELD, son of John and Thankful (Stowell) Garfield, born in Weston, Mass., Oct. 11, 1751; married, July 6, 1775, Lucy Smith of Weston, and settled first in Lincoln, where ten of his children were born. He came here about 1792.

- I. SARAH, born April 11, 1776; married Richard Davis; died in Vermont.
- II. JOHN, born Oct., 1777; married Lucy Davis; died in Londonderry, Vt.
- III. ABRAHAM, born June 12, 1779; married, Oct. 6, 1805, Eunice, daughter of David and Eunice (Whitney) Thurston.
- IV. LUCY, born Feb. 19, 1781; married Easman Alexander; died April 23, 1866.
- V. SAMUEL, born April 8, 1782; died in New York.
- VI. JAMES, born April 18, 1784; died in 1844.
- VII. THOMAS, born Sept. 29, 1785; married, Sept. 1, 1811, Lois Cobb; settled in Londonderry, Vt.
- VIII. ISAAC, born July 7, 1787; married Submit Alexander.
- IX. THANKFUL, born May 1, 1790; married Israel Davis; settled in Montgomery, Vt.
- X. ABEL, born April 20, 1792.
- XI. ELIJAH, born June 14, 1794; married Polly Pierce; died in New York.
- XII. ENOCH, born Oct. 26, 1796.
- XIII. ABIGAIL, born Nov. 10, 1798; married Newell Day; settled in Winchendon.
- XIV. HEPZIBETH, born Nov. 10, 1798; married Amos Ray; settled in Gardner.

ABEL GARFIELD, son of John, born April 20, 1792; married, 1822, Martha, daughter of Elijah Fuller, and located on the home farm with his father.

- I. GEORGE WASHINGTON, born Jan. 14, 1823.
- II. HEPZIBAH, born March 2, 1825; married, 1st, Isaac Fuller; married, 2d, Asa B. Clark; married, 3d, S. B. Aldrich; died May 4, 1895.
- III. CHANCY N., born Jan. 21, 1828.
- IV. SARAH W., born Jan. 21, 1832; married Andrew J. Aldrich; died Jan. 10, 1891.
- V. MARTHA L., born Dec. 23, 1839; married, Dec. 23, 1857, Delano H. Sibley; died in Newtonville, Mass., Oct. 4, 1888. One child recorded born in Troy; 1. *Leonora Sibley*, born July 1, 1860.
- VI. MARY ANN, born Jan. 1, 1842.

GEORGE W. GARFIELD, son of Abel, born Jan. 14, 1823; married Angeline Aldrich, Nov. 4, 1847; she died April 11, 1851; married, 2d, Oct. 31, 1862, Augusta L., daughter of George and Louisa (Jones) Harvey; she died May 27, 1878; married, 3d, March 24, 1879, Victoria A. Barton. Mr. Garfield went to Marlborough in 1851, and was for a short time in company with Isaac Fuller in the manufacture of boxes, after which he was station agent at Marlborough Depot five years. He then moved to the village and was associated with Elisha O. Woodward in a store three years. He removed to Keene in 1862, where he was freight agent for the Cheshire Railroad four years; then removed to Lawrence, N. Y., in 1867, where he was for nine years engaged in the pail and butter-tub business; returned to Keene in 1876, where he now resides.

- I. WINFRED G., born in Marlborough, April 27, 1854; died April 4, 1859.
- II. Daughter, born Nov. 26, 1859; died Nov. 29, 1859.
- III. WILLIS S., (adopted son), born in Troy, March 6, 1866; married, Aug. 14, 1889, Belle Wright; resides in Marlborough.

CHANCY N. GARFIELD, son of Abel, born Jan. 21, 1828; married, 1st, Sept. 6, 1853, Maria, daughter of Erastus Brown. Mrs. Garfield died April 16, 1866; and he married, 2d, — —; died Jan. 14, 1875; married, 3d, —

- I. IDA M., born Oct. 6, 1854; died Oct. 13, 1862.
- II. EDITH A., born Jan. 8, 1857; died Sept. 13, 1861.
- III. NELLIE F., born June 25, 1859; died Sept. 9, 1861.
- IV. — —, born Jan. 4, 1864.
- V. Son, born March 6, 1866.

ENOCH GARFIELD, son of John, born Oct. 26, 1796; married, Jan. 9, 1823, Lucy, daughter of Hezekiah Hodgkins, and located on a farm which he purchased of Enoch Metcalf, and formerly owned by William Nurse. Mrs. Garfield died Dec. 29, 1854; he died May 30, 1883.

- I. ELIZABETH ANN, born Dec. 21, 1816; married Charles Scholley of Gardner, Mass., Oct. 10, 1843.
- II. SALLY H., born Nov. 22, 1823; died Jan. 10, 1828.
- III. AMOS, born July 22, 1825; died Feb. 19, 1845.

- IV. SARAH H., born May 11, 1828; married Lorenzo Dexter.
- V. LONEY A., born July 8, 1833; married Daniel J. Fife; died Dec. 1, 1862.

AUSTIN B. GATES, son of Levi and Parmilla (Porter) Gates, was born in Marlborough, March 8, 1821; married, Sept. 19, 1844, Samira, daughter of Joseph M. and Fannie (Brigham) Forristall, born Oct. 31, 1823; died May 26, 1882; Mr. Gates died Nov. 23, 1895. They resided in Fitchburg, until 1846, when they returned to Troy, and for a time was engaged in manufacturing clothespins at the mill recently owned by A. W. Stockwell. He returned to Fitchburg in 1881, and after the death of his wife he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Page, and in 1893, went to Clinton, Mass., where he died. He was a stonecutter by trade, and worked at his trade after leaving the mill until failing eyesight caused him to give it up.

- I. ANNETTA M., born Sept. 10, 1846; married, Sept. 8, 1864, Warren B. Hubbard of Royalston, Mass.; resides in Athol, Mass.
- II. ISABEL V., born Dec. 2, 1850; married, Oct. 6, 1875, Walter F. Page of Fitchburg. Children: 1. *Max Everett Page*, born April 24, 1880; died same day; 2. *Christine Samira Page*, born March 4, 1883; 3. *Roland Everett Page*, born July 12, 1884.

HARVEY STRONG GATES, was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., May 31, 1827; married, July 27, 1850, Adaline Boynton Read, born in Concord, Vt., July 2, 1833. Children born, I, II, in Kirby, Vt., III, in Lyndon, Vt., IV, V, VI, in North Concord, Vt., VII, in Keene. Mrs. Gates died June 20, 1897.

- I. ALBERT CLARENCE, born May 19, 1851; died May 7, 1852.
- II. EMMA JANE, born April 24, 1853; married, 1st, George W. Gee, who died; married, 2d, Irving Brooks.
- III. BETSEY ANN, born Nov. 13, 1855; married Andrew I. Fuller.
- IV. FLAVILLA ELVIRA, born March 13, 1859.
- V. LILLIAN GENEVIEVE, born June 13, 1861; married, May 8, 1883, John H. Wentworth of Wendell, Mass. Children: 1. *Harold E. Wentworth*, born July 7, 1885; 2. *Helen A. Wentworth*, born March 5, 1887.
- VI. MARY GERTRUDE, born June 26, 1864; married Walter H. Wheeler.
- VII. HARVEY ERNEST, born Jan. 29, 1870; married, Jan. 6, 1892, Lula A., daughter of William J. and Jane P. (Aldrich) Boyden. One child, *Ralph Ernest*, born Nov. 7, 1896.



GODDARD. "Godard, a proper name, derived from the Saxon of God or Good, and the Dutch of Nature, signifying one endowed with a compliant and divine disposition of mind. Goodiard is perhaps a variation of the same name. Dr. Goodiard lived in England, and was chaplain to the Earl of Warwick at St. Paul's Cross A. D. 1470." —(Bailey's Dictionary.)

Solomon Goddard was a descendant of Edward Goddard, farmer, who was born and lived in Norfolk County, England; was once very wealthy, but afterwards much reduced by oppressions during the civil war. Being on the Parliament side, his house was beset and demolished by a company of cavaliers, who also plundered his house. He escaped through the midst of them in disguise, but died soon after. William, the seventh son of Edward, married Elizabeth Miles and settled in London, where he carried on an extensive trade. He came to New England in 1665, for the purpose of securing a debt, and the plague then raging in London was probably the occasion of his concluding to tarry here, and he sent for his wife and children, who came over in 1666. They had six children born in London, three of whom died young; the other three came to New England, viz: William, Joseph and Robert. They had also six children born in Watertown, Mass., where they settled, but three of these only grew to manhood, viz: Benjamin, Josias and Edward. Edward was born March 24, 1675, married Susannah Stone in 1696, and settled in Framingham, where he was employed several years as a schoolmaster, at a salary of forty pounds per annum, and subsequently distinguished himself in some of the most responsible offices, being frequently selectman and moderator, for a long series of years town clerk, and for several years representative in the General Court. He had nine children, seven sons and two daughters. Edward,

the eldest son, was born May 4, 1698, married Hepzibah Hapgood; was one of the first proprietors and owned five rights in the town of Shrewsbury, Mass., and died there Oct. 13, 1777. He had twelve children; David, the third son, was born Sept. 26, 1730; married Margaret Stone of Watertown and settled in Orange; had seven children, four sons and three daughters; John, the youngest son, was born April 30, 1768; married Hannah Forristall, by whom he had fourteen children. Solomon, the second son, was born May 2, 1796, and resided with his parents during his minority and learned the trade of a potter in his father's shop.

SOLOMON GODDARD, born May 2, 1796; married, May 9, 1821, Sarah, daughter of Ebenezer Nurse. He came to Troy in 1817, and commenced work in a pottery then owned by Daniel W. Farrar, and which stood in the forks of the road near the house owned by Mrs. Gilbert Bemis. Later he entered into partnership with Jonathan B. French, who, in 1821, built the house since known as the Winch house. Capt. Goddard resided in the house purchased of Joshua Harrington, Jr., until 1839, when he built the brick house on the premises now owned by Miss Flavilla Gates. Mr. Goddard died Jan. 4, 1854.

- I. ELLIOTT, born Dec. 24, 1823; married, Aug. 11, 1847, Mary Norcross of Royalston, Mass. He located in Troy until 1852, when he moved to Boston. The following year he returned to Troy, and in 1854 he removed to Keene, and later to Charlestown, Mass. Children: 1. *Edwin M.*, born May 2, 1849; 2. *Mary Elizabeth*, born April 24, 1858.
- II. JOSIAH E., born Feb. 19, 1825; died July 18, 1846, in Manchester, Massachusetts.
- III. SARAH L., born Aug. 15, 1830; graduated at Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary, 1851; married A. M. Caverly, M. D.

MRS. GODDING, widow of John, Sr., had eight children, four sons and four daughters, came from Attleborough, Mass., about 1779.

- I. JOHN, married Mary Robbins of Warwick, Mass. About 1805 the family removed to Wallingford, Vt., and later to the western part

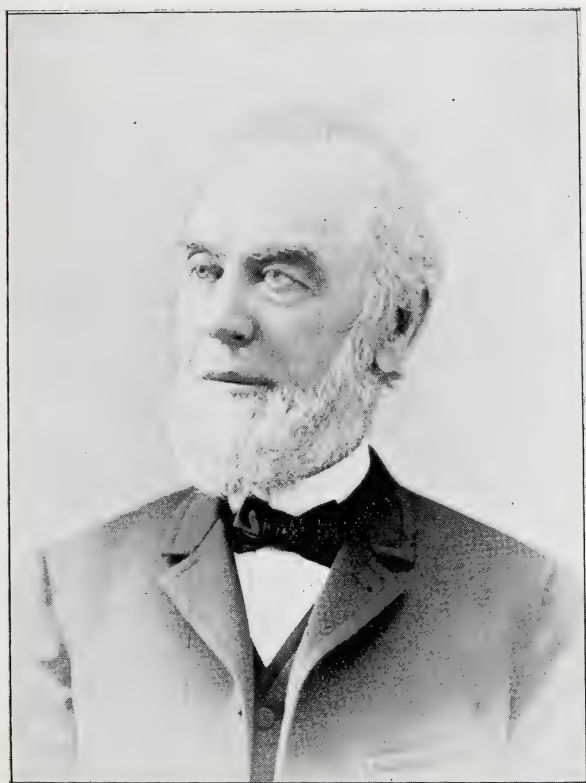
of New York. Children: 1. *Hannah*, born May 5, 1783; 2. *Mary*, born July 12, 1785; 3. *John*, born June 3, 1788; 4. *Ase-nath*, born July 13, 1791; 5. *Asa*, born Dec. 1, 1793; 6. *Levi*, born Sept. 27, 1797.

TIMOTHY GODDING, another son, married, 1790, Ruth Robbins, sister of his brother John's wife; she died in Troy, Nov. 7, 1854; he died in Winchendon, March 7, 1856.

- I. WILLIAM, born Nov. 1, 1790; resided in Hector, N. Y.
- II. REBECCA, born April 21, 1793; died Oct. 10, 1799.
- III. ALVAH, born Nov. 5, 1796. Was a prominent physician in Winchendon, Mass.
- IV. RUFUS, born Aug. 8, 1799; resided in Burke, Vt.
- V. IRA, born March 5, 1802; married, Dec. 5, 1833, Eliza White, who died Oct. 28, 1849; he died Dec. 10, 1849. One son, *Rufus*, resides in Winchendon.
- VI. LONEY, born Aug. 29, 1804; died Feb. 24, 1833, unmarried.
- VII. PHILINDA, born Feb. 18, 1807; died young.

THOMAS GOODALL was born in Dewsbury, Yorkshire County, England, Sept. 1, 1823, and when less than three years of age was left an orphan. He served an apprenticeship in a large manufacturing establishment in his native town, eleven years. At the age of twenty-three years he came to America, and after a brief stay in Connecticut he went to South Hadley, Mass., where he obtained a good position. He married, April 29, 1849, Ruth, daughter of Jeremiah Waterhouse. The manufacture of horse blankets in America was first commenced in Troy, and Mr. Goodall was the originator of the business. He came here in 1852 and engaged in the manufacture of satinets and beavers. At this time the only horse blankets in use were imported and square in shape, and observing the difficulty experienced in keeping these blankets on a horse, he conceived the idea of having them made with straps and buckles attached, and also having them cut so as to fit better. During the war of the Rebellion he added to his business the manufacture of army blankets, many bales of which he presented to the Union soldiers in Confederate prisons. In 1865, he sold out, and feeling the need of rest after twenty

years' application to business, he went with his family to England, resolved to take an extended vacation. But being of an active disposition he could not long remain idle, and shortly after his arrival in England, began the exportation of lap robes, which were largely manufactured there, for sale in this country. While



THOMAS GOODALL.

engaged in this business he made a number of trips to this country, and feeling that the policy of the United States would encourage manufactures of all kinds, he concluded to begin the business of making lap robes, carriage robes, etc., here, the manufacture of which

had not been previously attempted in this country. He selected Sanford, Maine, as a suitable location and purchased the entire mill privilege. In October, 1867, he moved to Sanford with his family. Many difficulties were at first experienced, for the production of this class of goods required new and complicated machinery, and besides, the English manufacturers, of whom he formerly bought, hearing of his project tried in every way to discourage it; but by means of machinery of his own invention, by superiority of design, color and quality of his robes, he soon established a foothold and succeeded in driving nearly all of the foreign robes from the American market. Starting with but the germ of a plant, development soon followed, due entirely to the brains, energy and skill which were brought to bear upon it, until twelve large mills are now included in the plant, giving many acres of floor space and providing employment for over seven hundred hands. Millions of blankets and robes are turned out each year, and thousands of pieces of furniture and car plush. Though accounted one of the shrewdest and most successful of business men, nature endowed him with a kind disposition, and to those whom he finds worthy and deserving of his charity, he is ever ready to extend a helping hand. Few have in a quiet way dispensed more charity, and the poor in the community in which he lives have reason to remember his liberality. Several years ago he resigned his position as president of the Sanford Mills corporation, and sought rest and relaxation in retirement from business, his three sons, Ernest, Louis and George, having proved themselves fully competent to look after his interests and their own as well.

- I. LOUIS, born Sept. 23, 1851.
- II. GEORGE, born Sept. 23, 1851.
- III. ERNEST M., born Aug. 15, 1853.
- IV. IDA MARY, born Aug. 15, 1858; died Oct. 5, 1862.
- V. LELA H., born Jan. 23, 1864; died 1869.

ELNATHAN GORHAM, married Eliza, daughter of Nathan Wheeler of Fitchburg, Mass., for his third wife. He



kept the public house, now the Monadnock Hotel, about 1816; four years later he went to Ohio, where he died Sept. 10, 1824. Mrs. Gorham married Moses Hayden, who was clerk for many years for Squire Farrar. She died Aug. 18, 1863. He had two children by Eliza.

- I. ELIZA W., born in Oakham, Mass., Nov. 14, 1817; married, 1st, June 16, 1849, George Baker of Chelsea, Mass.; married, 2d, Earle Clark.
- II. CHARLES, born 1820; died near Panama, 1856.

CHARLES H. GOVE, son of Levi and Olive F. Gove, born in Hartland, Vt., May 19, 1836; married, March 9, 1860, Thankful, daughter of William and Thankful (Sawyer) Sebastian of Swanzey, born Aug. 11, 1834. Came to Troy in 1871. Mrs. Gove died March 26, 1896.

- I. WILLIAM S., born June 22, 1861; married, 1st, Oct. 5, 1882, Mabel D., daughter of Lyman W. and Mary Ann (Brockway) Bowker of Fitzwilliam, born July 11, 1860; died Sept. 23, 1883; married, 2d, Nov. 14, 1885, Jennie L. Byron. Children: 1. *John Henry*, born March 15, 1887; 2. *Orrie Maude*, born Oct. 14, 1889.
- II. MAUDE M., born May 1, 1863; married, Aug. 2, 1881, Walter S. Savory of Boston. Children: 1. *Norma B. Savory*, born Sept. 20, 1881; died Sept. 2, 1890; 2. *Thomas Charles Savory*, born March 12, 1883.
- III. LEVI, born July 9, 1866; married, Feb. 4, 1897, Mary E. Lynch of Fitzwilliam.

MINOTT W. GREENWOOD is the son of William W. and Sarah (Hardy) Greenwood, and was born in Marlborough, July 30, 1854; married, June 23, 1878, Ida A. Wallace of Milford, N. H. Mr. Greenwood came to Troy, from Milford, in 1891, in the employ of Troy Blanket Mills. The following year he purchased of J. W. Raymond a lot on the muster field and built his present residence.

- I. CLARA BURNS, born Dec. 5, 1879.
- II. ELSIE MAY, born Oct. 21, 1886.

BENJAMIN F. GROSVENOR was a native of Pelham and married Mary J. Titcomb of the same town. He was a hatter by trade and came to Troy in 1831, and commenced making hats in the house now owned by Troy Blanket Mills, called the tinshop house. He

formed a partnership with Edward Tolman, and built the house in 1832, afterward occupied by Thomas Goodall, now owned by C. W. Brown's heirs. The following year he sold his interest to Tolman and went to New Boston, where he resided one year, and then went to Hillsborough Bridge, but returned to Troy in 1836, and resumed the business of hat making. In 1837 he built a shop which stood for some years near what is now the stable belonging to this place, and which was afterwards removed and converted into a dwelling house. He removed from Troy to Dracut, Mass., in 1842, and afterwards to Methuen. He had three children.

- I. MARY JANE.
- II. HANNAH, A. S. D.
- III. JOSEPHINE.

JOHN GRIMES, son of Alexander, born in Keene, Jan. 1, 1819; married, March 12, 1846, Mary Louise, born in Tyre, N. Y., March 10, 1820; died in Troy, July 9, 1859. Mrs. Grimes came to Keene at the age of four years and resided there most of the time until her marriage. Mr. Grimes' father left his native town, Pelham, N. H., with his father, John Grimes, when a boy and located in Keene. He was a grandson of Alexander Graham, who is supposed to have been a Scotch immigrant, and came to this country about the year 1740; and who died in the town of New Boston at the advanced age of one hundred years. Mr. Grimes was for several years station agent for the Cheshire Railroad company.

NICHOLAS GRIMES, born in Dublin, Ireland, Aug. 1, 1831; and came to Troy when about fourteen years of age, and has lived in this vicinity ever since. For many years was employed in the tanneries in Fitzwilliam and Troy. Married, Aug. 25, 1855, Ellen Supple, who was born in Cecilstown, Ireland, March, 1830; died March 26, 1894.

- I. MARGARET ELLEN, born Aug. 5, 1856.
- II. WILLIAM HENRY, born April 4, 1858; married Mary Ann McGuire of Claremont. Children: 1. *Francis Ellen*, born April 12, 1883; 2. *William Nicholas*, born June 15, 1884.

- III. JOHN NICHOLAS, born Sept. 17, 1861.
- IV. KATHERINE ELIZABETH, born Sept. 22, 1866; married, June 19, 1895, Thomas J. Winn of Harrisville.
- V. FRANCIS SUPPLE, born Oct. 21, 1868.

OZRO J. HALE was born in Winchendon, Aug. 20, 1841; married, Dec. 9, 1865, Lucy A., daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Thurston) Kendall, born in Swanzey, March 5, 1843. Children born, I, in Winchendon, II, in Rindge, III, IV, VII, in Troy, V, VI, in Royalston.

- I. PERLEY A., born Oct. 19, 1866; married, Aug. 20, 1890, Edith M., daughter of D. Warren and Nancy Ann (Piper) Farrar. Children: 1. *Dorothy Hazel*, born March 24, 1892; 2. *Carl Victor*, born Feb. 4, 1894.
- II. EVA MARY, born Jan. 25, 1869; married, Sept. 28, 1892, Elmer E. Ward; died March 18, 1893. One child, *Eva Hale Ward*, born March 4, 1893.
- III. IDA FRANCES, born June 24, 1870; married, Sept. 25, 1895, William R. Gordon Carson. One child, *Ina Carson*, born March 23, 1896.
- IV. SUSIE CLARA, born Sept. 5, 1872; married, July 16, 1895, Eldridge N. Dow.
- V. JUNIE ETTA, born June 1, 1874; married, Nov. 19, 1894, Elliot L. Baker.
- VI. HARRY NORMAN, born Aug. 12, 1875.
- VII. FLORENCE MABEL, born Aug. 17, 1883.

JOHN F. HALE, son of John D. and Abigail (Wright) Hale, born in Swanzey, Sept. 5, 1857; married, Sept. 3, 1885, Chloe E., daughter of Nelson W. and Jennie M. (Brooks) Rice.

- I. ELMER FRANKLIN, born April 13, 1886.
- II. JENNIE ELLA, born Aug. 30, 1887.
- III. MELVIN, born Jan. 5, 1890.
- IV. LORETTA, born Dec. 31, 1893.
- V. EDWIN ELLSWORTH, born March 27, 1896.

EDWARD L. HARDY, born in Harrisville, June 28, 1854; married, April 17, 1878, Adah F., born Sept. 28, 1858, daughter of Alvin B. and Sarah (Bennett) Chase. Came to Troy in 1883, in the employ of E. Buttrick & Co., and later, Troy Blanket Mills, where he has been employed for the last eight or nine years as engineer. He purchased of Joseph W. Raymond a lot on the old "muster field" in 1889 and built his present residence.

- I. FLORENCE ANICE, born May 4, 1882.
- II. EFFIE ESTELLA, born Aug. 22, 1889.

HARRINGTON. Robert Harrington, probably the emigrant ancestor, was one of the early proprietors of Watertown, Mass., where he died May 17, 1707. He married, Oct. 1, 1649, Susannah George, born 1632; died July 6, 1694. They had thirteen children of whom was

Thomas, born April 22, 1665; married, April 1, 1686, Rebecca, daughter of John Bemis and widow of John White; resided in Watertown. They had six children of whom the eldest was

Ebenezer, born June 27, 1687; died 1753; settled in Waltham, Mass., and from thence removed to Framingham about 1709; married, Feb. 3, 1708, Hepzibah, daughter of Peter Clayes of Framingham. They had nine children of whom the fifth was

Joshua, born Oct. 11, 1718; married, 1st, Jan. 11, 1743, Sarah, daughter of John and Bathsheba (Rugg) Nurse. She died without issue, and he married, 2d, Oct. 3, 1751, Betty (Reed), widow of John Bent of Framingham; she died March 18, 1784; he died Nov. 24, 1784. They had four children, John, Sarah, Joshua and Hannah.

JOSHUA HARRINGTON, son of Joshua, born Sept. 13, 1755; married, Nov. 21, 1780, Elizabeth, daughter of Asa and Mary (Newton) Brigham, who died Feb. 15, 1823, aged 66 years; he died Sept. 20, 1834.

- I. ANNA, born June 29, 1781; married William Marshall; died Feb. 16, 1857.
- II. DANIEL, born Dec. 15, 1782; married, Jan. 24, 1809, Mary, born April 11, 1786, daughter of Jesse and Martha Forristall of Fitzwilliam; removed to Vermont where he died, and the widow returned to Fitzwilliam, where she died June 23, 1819.
- III. BETSEY, born April 18, 1784; married, Jan. 10, 1805, Asa Stowell, son of Abijah; removed to the West.
- IV. JOSHUA, born Sept. 29, 1785.
- V. ELIJAH, born April 23, 1787.
- VI. SALLY, born June 17, 1789; died Feb. 1, 1800.
- VII. POLLY, baptized June 12, 1791; died May 7, 1833, unmarried.
- VIII. LYMAN, baptized March 2, 1794; died Feb. 1, 1800.

JOSHUA HARRINGTON, son of Joshua, born Sept. 29, 1785; married, 1st, June 2, 1808, Nelly Gates of Dublin; married, 2d, Ruth Hall, sister of his first wife. In 1820, he removed to Alstead and in 1850 from thence to Pittstown, N. Y.

- I. SALLY, born May 6, 1809; died unmarried.
- II. LYMAN, born May 5, 1811; married Mary Wilbur, who died Feb. 21, 1873, aged 63; he died Aug. 20, 1866. One child, *Nellie Jane*, adopted daughter; died April 20, 1861, aged 5.
- III. ELEANOR, born May 23, 1813; married Josiah Bridge of Lowell, Massachusetts.
- IV. JOSHUA, born Aug. 26, 1815; married R. M. Wright of Winchendon; he died in California, Sept. 4, 1849.
- V. LEONARD B., born March 7, 1818; married Eunice Grant of Lyme, New Hampshire.
- VI. CHARLES, born May 9, 1820; married Rachael Evans; lived in Ohio.
- VII. LUCY ANN, born July 22, 1822; married Nathaniel Adams of Marlow.
- VIII. GEORGE F., born Jan. 10, 1824; married the widow of his brother Joshua.
- IX. MARY JANE, born Aug. 27, 1826; married Stephen Adams.

ELIJAH HARRINGTON, son of Joshua, born April 23, 1787; married, 1st, Feb. 1, 1810, Prudence Newell; she died June 3, 1827, and he married, 2d, Mrs. Tabitha Tolman. He died May 15, 1870.



HARRINGTON PLACE AS OWNED BY SPAULDING.

- I. NELSON F., born Jan. 4, 1811; died at sea.
- II. JOHN, born March 5, 1812; married Emily Capron of Jaffrey.
- III. ALONZO BRIGHAM, born April 9, 1815.
- IV. DANIEL, born Jan. 20, 1817.
- V. PATTY, born March 31, 1819.



- VI. ELIZABETH, born April 16, 1823; married—Ford of Concord; died in 1857.
- VII. JACOB NEWELL, born Jan. 4, 1827.
- VIII. ARBEE READ, died Aug. 20, 1833, aged three years.
- IX. FRANCES E., died June 22, 1837, aged five years.

ALONZO B. HARRINGTON, son of Elijah, born April 9, 1815; married Betsey, daughter of John and Irene (Newell) Lawrence, In 1857, he bought a part of the Ichabod Shaw farm of Welcome Ballou, and afterwards resided on that place. He died July 9, 1866. After his death the family went to Marlborough to reside.

- I. EDWARD, born March 15, 1833; died March 27, 1856; unmarried.
- II. CHARLES B., born April 23, 1837; died April 20, 1859; unmarried.
- III. ELIZA JANE, born Oct. 13, 1839; died June 13, 1840.
- IV. ADLIZA, born June 17, 1841; died July 21, 1842.
- V. SARAH A., born Jan. 23, 1843; married Monroe Dickey; resides in Worcester, Mass.
- VI. DUANE C., born July 6, 1846; married, March, 1876, Marietta, daughter of Frederick and Sarah Hannaford of Cape Elizabeth, Me.; resided in Fitchburg; died Dec. 14, 1895.
- VII. NOYES G., born Oct. 13, 1848; married, 1877, Ellen L., daughter of Artemas and Lovina (Bemis) Richardson; resides in Worcester, Mass. Children: 1. *Anna Lovina*, born in Leominster, April 17, 1878; died in Marlborough, July 25, 1878; 2. *Charles Brigham*, born in Marlborough, Aug. 14, 1879; 3. *Noyes E.*, born in Leominster, March 24, 1882; died in Troy, Aug. 25, 1882.
- VIII. GEORGE, born July 8, 1851; married, Oct. 24, 1883, Adaliza H. Chase, born in Newport, N. H., Dec. 31, 1849. One child, *Marion Irene*, born Jan. 13, 1891. Is engaged in trade in Antrim, N. H., under the name of Harrington & Kibbey, general merchandise.
- IX. IRENE L., born Oct. 13, 1855; married, Oct. 13, 1880, Rev. Millard F. Hardy; resides in Townshend, Vt.

JACOB N. HARRINGTON, son of Elijah, born Jan. 4, 1827; married, Oct. 25, 1849, Betsey T., daughter of Timothy and Mary (Jones) Fife. She died May 29, 1868.

- I. ADDIE, born Oct. 23, 1850; died.
- II. EDGAR H., born Aug. 5, 1852; married Iris E. Nash. One child, *Bertha L.*, born April 2, 1879.
- III. CHARLES, born Dec. 13, 1854.
- IV. MARY J., born July 25, 1857; died July 23, 1862.
- V. MARTHA M., born Sept. 10, 1859; married — Currier; resides in Andover, N. H.
- VI. FRANK W., born Aug. 15, 1861; died in Passaic, N. J., Feb. 22, 1890.
- VII. LIZZIE V., born July 3, 1865; died Nov. 15, 1895; burned to death caused by clothing taking fire from a lamp.

CHRISTOPHER HARRIS was a native of Rhode Island. He spent his minority in the town of Richmond. In 1787, he married a young lady also from Rhode Island, and continued to reside in Richmond until 1796, when he came here and purchased the tavern formerly owned by Jonathan Ball. About 1811, he removed to Rockingham, Vt., where died in 1828.

- I. POLLY; married Henry Tolman.
- II. LUKE.
- III. JAMES; married Eunice Foster. He was killed by the cars at the depot in Troy, 1856.
- IV. DANIEL, settled in Cortland, N. Y.
- V. OLIVER, settled in Plymouth, Mass.
- VI. NANCY; married Barak Coolidge; died in Sterling, Mass.
- VII. JOSEPH; married Mary Wheeler; removed to Michigan.

LUKE HARRIS, son of Christopher, married, 1st, 1812, Mary, daughter of John and Mary (Jones) Whitney.

After his marriage he lived with his father a few years and then moved into the Whipple house, where Charles Haskell now lives. Mrs. Harris died in 1816; and he married, 2d, 1817, Betsey Whitney, a sister of his first wife; she died 1858-59; and he married, 3d, July 9, 1861, Hannah Blood of Nelson; he died in Nelson, Feb. 3, 1872, aged 81 years, 2 months. In 1818, he bought the farm on which Josiah Lawrence first settled, and lived there five and one-half years, then sold



LUKE HARRIS.

the farm to William Lawrence, and moved into the Thomas Tolman house, now owned by G. H. Aldrich, in 1824. The following year he built for Salmon

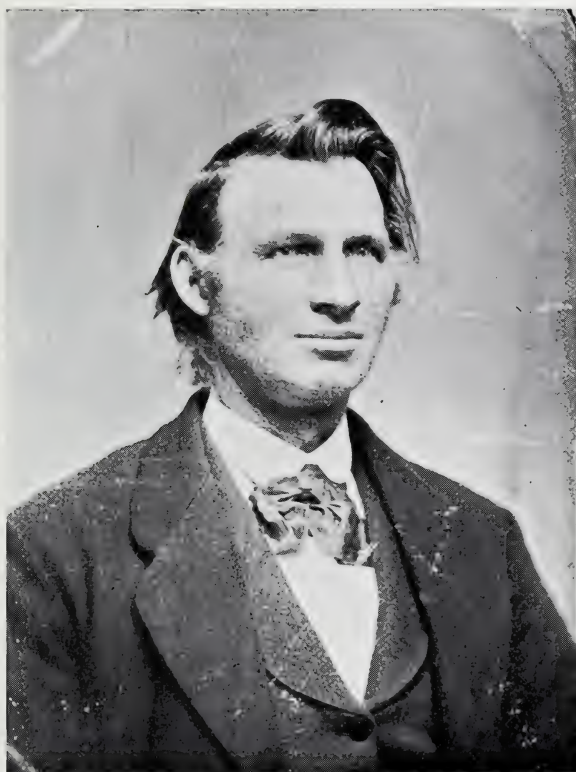
Whittemore the house now owned by E. P. Kimball, and a few years later bought the pail shop built by Moses Curtis, which stood below the old tannery, and commenced making pails. In 1828-29, he bought of Jonathan B. French the house now known as the Winch house, where he lived until 1836, when he sold his pail shop to Charles Coolidge, and his house to Nathan Winch, and moved into the house he built for Whittemore. He bought the Harrington gristmill and water privilege. He took the gristmill down and commenced immediately to build a factory, which was completed the following year, and used to manufacture woolen cloth. The business did not prove successful and he moved to Sterling, Mass., in 1841, where he resided five years, then went to Richmond, where he lived until 1858, when he went to Nelson. Children, I to III, by first marriage, IV to XI, by second marriage.

- I. JAMES MADISON, born May 24, 1812; died February, 1816.
- II. MARY ANN, born Oct. 30, 1813; married Jabez Butler.
- III. MARTHA, born March 25, 1816; married, June 16, 1844, Heman Kendall, son of Heman and Submit (Tuttle) Kendall of Sterling, Mass.; and died there Aug. 7, 1881. Children: 1. *Nathan Henry Kendall*, born Sept. 15, 1846; died April 15, 1860; 2. *Heman Prentice Kendall*, born May 28, 1856; married Grace E. Shattuck of Sterling.
- IV. SUSAN, born March 20, 1818; died 1839.
- V. SARAH W., born Oct. 23, 1819; married Isaac W. Holbrook.
- VI. NATHAN W., born March 5, 1821.
- VII. FERDINAND, born March 28, 1824; died 1825.
- VIII. ISABELLA, born March 28, 1824; died 1825.
- IX. JOHN W., born Sept. 15, 1828.
- X. ISAAH, born Jan. 13, 1831; resides in Missouri.
- XI. CAROLINE ELIZABETH, born Feb. 14, 1833; married Minot R. Phillips of Nelson.

STEPHEN HARRIS was the son of Stephen Harris who came from Gloucester, R. I., and settled in Richmond; married Charlotte, daughter of Jesse Ballou. He was born Sept. 25, 1790; married, 1st, March, 1816, Patty, daughter of Daniel Ball, born March 4, 1793; died Sept. 24, 1852; married, 2d, Sally, widow of Joseph Whitecomb of Swanzy, who died Jan. 7, 1875. He came to Troy in April, 1819, and resided a short time

with his father-in-law, Daniel Ball. He moved to Swanzev in 1820, residing there for about eighteen years when he returned to Troy. After the death of his first wife he lived in Richmond for a time but finally returned to Troy, where he died July 17, 1861.

- I. ELISHA, born Sept. 29, 1817; died 1846.
- II. STEPHEN, born Oct. 24, 1820; married, July 16, 1846, Almira Fuller.
- III. WILLARD, born June 3, 1823.
- IV. WILLIAM A., born Aug. 29, 1825.
- V. LUCY, born Feb. 16, 1829; married, June 2, 1852, Welcome Ballou.
- VI. LYDIA, born Sept. 9, 1832; married Luther Alexander.



WILLIAM A. HARRIS.

WILLIAM A. HARRIS, son of Stephen, born Aug. 29, 1825; married, Oct. 25, 1849, Sarah E., daughter of Timothy Fife. After his marriage he resided a short time on his



father's farm, but afterwards purchased and lived for several years on the farm now owned by Arthur J. Edwards, and later purchased the Crosby place in the village, where he lived until his death, July 10, 1885. Mrs. Harris died July 28, 1897.

- I. WILLIAM F., born Sept. 11, 1852; died same day.
- II. FRED A., born May 13, 1856; married, Oct. 2, 1878, Ida E., daughter of James S. and Betsey (Atherton) Bliss, who was born in Whitingham, Vt., Aug. 11, 1858. Children: 1. *Bertha M.*, born in Jacksonville, Vt., Dec. 16, 1878; 2. *Leon A.*, born in Troy, July 31, 1880; 3. *Robert E.*, born in Keene, April 3, 1889.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. S. E. HARRIS.

- III. WILLIAM H., born Sept. 18, 1857; married, Sept. 23, 1882, Lizzie M., daughter of Asa and Sophronia L. (Gould) Davis of Stoddard, who was born March, 1858. Children: 1. *Lillian A.*, born in Sullivan, Dec. 20, 1885; 2. *Oscar G.*, born in Sullivan, June 16, 1895.
- IV. AURILLA M., born Oct. 2, 1859.
- V. FRANK S., born March 16, 1862; married, 1st, May 16, 1889, Josie H., daughter of Thomas B. and Fannie Burns of Fitzwilliam; married, 2d, Oct. 11, 1893, Addie E., daughter of Zophar and Betsey H. (Culver) Willard of Harrisville, who was born Jan. 1, 1857. One child, *Myrtle F.*, born Aug. 28, 1890.

BENJAMIN F. HARRIS is the son of Joseph Harris of Fitzwilliam, formerly of Saugus, Mass., where he was born 1838; married, 1st, March 31, 1863, Abbie J., daughter of Nathan and Julia (Martin) Whipple of Fitzwilliam. Mr. Harris lived for some years on the farm



now owned by Nahum Green. Mrs. Harris died October, 1885, and he married, 2d, May 25, 1887, H. Maria, daughter of Bowman and Cynthia (Whitcomb) Howe.

- I. CORA A., born Jan. 5, 1864; married, Nov. 25, 1884, John M. Farnham of Lancaster, N. H.
- II. CHARLES H., born Nov. 10, 1865; married, 1st, May 8, 1888, Olive S. Eaton of Worcester, Mass.; she died Aug. 24, 1892, and he married, 2d, Dec. 17, 1893, Ida Brownhill of Worcester.
- III. HERBERT F., born July 28, 1868; died June 14, 1885. Drowned in Bowkerville pond.
- IV. MABELLE G., born Oct. 15, 1873; married, Oct. 21, 1891, Fred Clough of Lancaster.
- V. LESTER F., born Sept. 22, 1876.
- VI. FLORENCE G., born May 15, 1881.

ABNER HASKELL, a native of Harvard, Mass., came here about 1778, and located near where James Carpenter lives; married, Feb. 21, 1759, Martha, born April 18, 1739; died Feb. 8, 1817, daughter of Phineas and Mary Ward of Marlborough, Mass.; Mr. Haskell died April 4, 1809, aged 73 years.

- I. MARTHA, married Joseph Farwell of Lancaster, Mass.
- II. JOSEPH.
- III. LEVI, born July 20, 1769; died Nov. 22, 1830.
- IV. SALLY, married Benjamin Brigham of Fitzwilliam.

JOSEPH HASKELL, son of Abner, came to Marlborough, about the year 1803, and located a little southwest of Monadnock Mountain, on the third New Hampshire turnpike. A stage from Keene to Boston passed over this road daily, Sundays excepted, and Mr. Haskell opened a public house. He also became an extensive landholder. He married, May 10, 1787, Mehitable, baptized, Oct. 14, 1771; died Oct. 29, 1824, daughter of Major John and Deborah (Winch) Farrar; he died Jan. 7, 1825, aged 62, from injuries received by being thrown from his wagon the previous fall.

- I. PATTY, born Aug. 26, 1778; died Jan. 5, 1840; married William Lawrence.
- II. NANCY, born Aug. 21, 1791; died June 20, 1824; married Josiah Wheeler.
- III. JOSEPH, born March 24, 1794.
- IV. WILLIAM, born June 28, 1796.

- V. ELEANOR BROWN, born Nov. 13, 1798; married, Jan. 14, 1817, Peter Tarbell of Grafton, Vt.; died 1877.
- VI. ABNER, born March 11, 1801.
- VII. ALPHEUS, born July 30, 1804; died Oct. 21, 1805.
- VIII. JOHN, born March 19, 1807.
- IX. HARRIET, born Nov. 15, 1809; married Alanson Barber.
- X. HENRY, born July 20, 1812.

JOSEPH HASKELL, son of Joseph, born March 24, 1794; married, April 2, 1818, Ruth, born Oct. 28, 1796, daughter of David and Esther (Bruce) White, and settled first in Troy. In 1828 he bought his father's farm and tavern stand, and lived in Marlborough till 1845-46, when he returned to Troy, where he died April 18, 1865; his widow died Aug. 21, 1879.

- I. MARY ANN, born in Troy, May 21, 1820; died in 1822.
- II. ELIZA ANN, born in Troy, Nov. 14, 1822; married Cyrus Thompson; died Aug. 8, 1896.
- III. ELEANOR, born in Troy, Jan. 12, 1824; married, Sept. 28, 1843, George A., son of Abel Nutting, born Feb. 19, 1817; resided in Marlborough; died Dec. 4, 1895. Children: 1. *George Henry Nutting*, born Nov. 15, 1857; 2. *Sarah Jane Nutting*, born April 29, 1859; married George Howe; 3. *David Wheeler*, born Sept. 30, 1862.
- IV. MARY, born in Troy, May 21, 1826; married Abel W. Baker.
- V. LYMAN, born in Marlborough, Sept. 21, 1828; died March 27, 1829.
- VI. HARRIET, born in Marlborough, Nov. 11, 1830; married William Jackson.
- VII. JOSEPH, born in Marlborough, Aug. 6, 1832.
- VIII. MARIA, born in Marlborough, Aug. 4, 1834; married David Wheeler.
- IX. SARAH, born in Marlborough, June 12, 1839; married, 1st, June 19, 1867, Allison G. Howe of Peterborough, who died March 3, 1872; married, 2d, Oct. 19, 1881, Lemuel W. Brown, who died Aug. 30, 1890. One child, *Nellie Ada*, born in Peterborough, Aug. 28, 1871; died Feb. 18, 1888.
- X. LUCY JANE, born in Marlborough, Feb. 9, 1841; married, Oct. 27, 1869, John E., son of Stillman and Eunice (Buttrick) Woodward of Marlborough; resides in Fitchburg. Children: 1. *Willie S. Woodward*, born March 20, 1874; died Sept. 1, 1878; 2. *Gerty May Woodward*, born Jan. 25, 1877.

WILLIAM HASKELL, son of Joseph, Senior, married, Oct. 20, 1818, Sarah, daughter of David and Esther (Bruce) White of Fitzwilliam. He resided on the homestead for several years and then came to Troy, where he died Jan. 26, 1841; his widow died in 1892.

- I. EZEKIEL, born Feb. 6, 1820.
- II. JOSEPH, born Oct. 16, 1822.
- III. ALONZO, born Feb. 16, 1824; married, Sept. 10, 1852, Betsey Marshall of Jaffrey.
- IV. ALBERT, born March 10, 1826; died Aug. 6, 1846.
- V. SARAH ANN, born Feb. 26, 1830; married, 1st, Corbett Fosgate; he died and she married, 2d, Horace Knapp; resides in Winchendon.
- VI. LYDIA, born March 6, 1832; married, 1st, Addison A. Marshall; married, 2d, John H. Congdon.
- VII. MARY, born June 29, 1834; married Augustus A. Adams; resides in Winchendon.
- VIII. CHARLES, born May 14, 1841.

ABNER HASKELL, son of Joseph, Senior, born March 11, 1801; married, May 3, 1823, Laura Lawrence. After his marriage he resided in Marlborough some three or four years, and then came to Troy, where he died Sept. 1, 1847; his widow died —

- I. ORRICK L., born in Marlborough, Nov. 18, 1825.
- II. MARY ANN, born in Troy, Sept. 12, 1829; married, Sept. 10, 1847, Joseph N. Forristall.
- III. HENRY A., born in Troy, July 8, 1834; died June 21, 1843.
- IV. ELIZEMANN M., born in Troy, Nov. 14, 1838; died Oct. 30, 1840.

ORRICK L. HASKELL, son of Abner, born Nov. 18, 1825; married, March, 1850, Elizabeth W., daughter of Nahum and Mary Ward; resides in South Keene.

- I. ANDREW L., born in Troy, March 11, 1851; married, Dec. 15, 1874, Annie M. Lord, born Feb. 21, 1848.
- II. LIZZIE A., born June 30, 1854; married, Nov. 24, 1874, James Biggs of Lowell, Mass.
- III. GEORGE H., born April 6, 1856; married, Oct. 2, 1878, Nellie Andrews of Chesterfield.
- IV. MARIA A., born Oct. 21, 1857; married, Nov. 8, 1880, Frank H. Strickland of Winchendon.
- V. EVA M., born June 28, 1860.

HENRY HASKELL, youngest son of Joseph, Senior, born July 20, 1812; married, Feb. 14, 1838, Martha, daughter of George and Naomi (Starkey) Farrar, and settled in Troy, but removed to Marlborough, March 1, 1841, and located in the southeast part of the town, where he lived until 1859, when he removed to Winchendon. He served eighteen months in the War

of the Rebellion. Children, all but the first born in Marlborough; died 1891.

- I. HENRY GEORGE, born Jan. 15, 1839; died Jan. 28, 1840.
- II. MARTHA ANN, born March 18, 1841; died Aug. 17, 1843.
- III. ALBERT H., born June 4, 1849; killed Jan. 29, 1877, while engaged in running a circular saw in Merriam's mill in Westminster, Mass. He left a wife and one child.
- IV. TARBEL P., born March 19, 1854.
- V. FRANK E., born March 20, 1856; died Oct. 27, 1875.

JOSEPH HASKELL, son of Joseph, Jr., born Aug. 6, 1832; married, Sept. 25, 1858, Mary Jane, daughter of Bailey and Betsey (Clark) Starkey. Children born, I to III, in Marlborough, IV to VI, in Troy.

- I. ELMER ELLSWORTH, born June 26, 1862; married, Oct. 28, 1893, Angie A., daughter of Edward C. and Caroline A. (Spoonier) Sutton.
- II. WALTER JOSEPH, born Oct. 12, 1864.
- III. ARTHUR HERBERT, born Sept. 2, 1866; married, Sept. 9, 1895, Mary M., born July 21, 1872, daughter of Elijah T. and Ella A. (Bennett) Platts of Jaffrey. One child, *Ralph Platts*, born May 27, 1896.
- IV. ETTA VINA, born Jan. 29, 1868; married, Nov. 21, 1895, Elliott W. Aldrich.
- V. NELLIE JANE, born Nov. 18, 1872; married, Jan. 16, 1895, Ernest F. Dean.
- VI. BESSIE ANNA, born Feb. 2, 1878; married, May 28, 1897, Fred E. Whitcomb of Fitzwilliam.

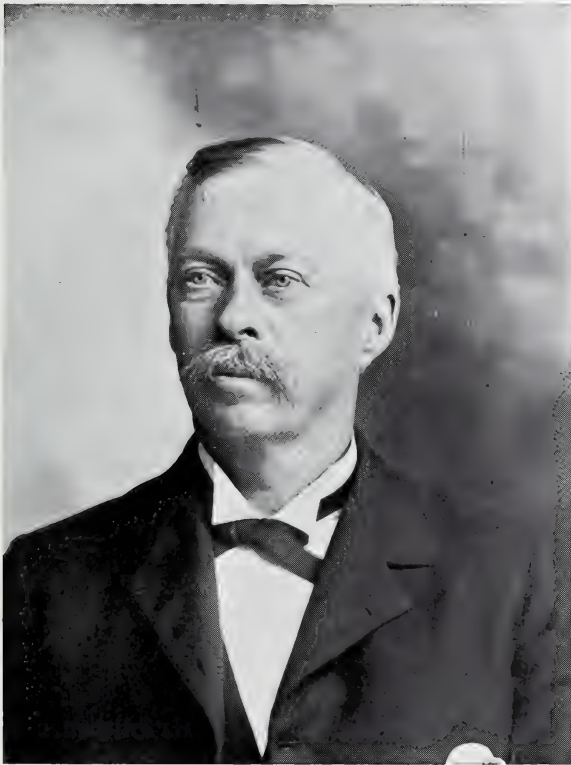
EZEKIEL HASKELL, son of William, born Feb. 6, 1820; married, 1st, Mirantha Demary of Rindge; married, 2d, Mrs. Jane Lawrence of Troy; died Sept. 23, 1834. Children born, I to III, by 1st marriage, IV, V, by 2d marriage.

- I. FLORA E., born —; married E. Locke of Athol, Mass.
- II. NELSON W., born —.
- III. ABBIE N., born —; married — Giles.
- IV. FRED E., born Aug. 20, 1866.
- V. HATTIE A., born May 13, 1868; married Bert Hale; resides in Athol.

JOSEPH HASKELL, son of William, born Oct. 16, 1822; married, 1st, Anna Bemis of Southborough, Mass.; married, 2d, Teresta T. Ray of Shutesbury, Mass.; married, 3d, Mrs. Ermina S. Rice of Jaffrey. Mr. Haskell is a regular ordained minister of the Baptist

denomination and during the early part of his life held several pastorates.

CHARLES HASKELL, son of William, born May 14, 1840; married, Jan. 1, 1868, Mary Alice, born in Peterborough, April 10, 1844, daughter of John A. and



CHARLES HASKELL.

Charlotte D. P. (Richardson) Allen. Mr. Haskell is quite well known as a dealer in horses, having followed the business, more or less for twenty years, and has also done something in training and driving horses upon the track. He has also followed the business of auctioneer, having commenced in Boston when about



eighteen years of age. He was proprietor of the Kimball House for seven years, but about ten years ago he purchased the B. F. Perry place in the village where he has since resided.

- I. MARY ALICE, born Nov. 6, 1868; married, May 17, 1892, Herbert D. Gee; resides in Winchester. Children. 1. *Retta May Gee*, born Dec. 23, 1893; 2. *Marion Louise Gee*, born April 15, 1897.

HERRICK. The traditions of this very ancient family claim their descent from Ericke, a Danish Chief, who invaded Britain about the year 911, during the reign of Alfred, and, having been vanquished by that prince, was compelled, with his followers, to re-people the wasted districts of East Anglia, the government of which he held as a fief of the English crown.

In an attempt to unite the Danish power in Britain against the Englishmen, Ericke was defeated by Edward, the son and successor of Alfred, and was subsequently slain by his own subjects for alleged severalties in his government.

The Norman invasion found this name represented by Eric, the forester, who resided in Leicestershire, and was an extensive landholder. Eric raised an army to repel the invaders; and in the subsequent efforts of the English earls and princes to dispossess the Normans of their recent conquest, and drive them out of the country, he bore a prominent part. But he shared also in the unfortunate issue of all these patriotic efforts. His followers and allies were stripped of their estate, and the sources of his own power were dried up; and being no longer in a condition formidable to the new government, Eric was taken into favor by William, the Conqueror, who intrusted him with important offices about his person and in the command of his armies. In his old age, he was permitted to retire to his house in Leicestershire, where he closed his stormy and eventful life. The estate was given him by William, the

Conqueror, for military services, about the year 1080. His descendants occupied the estate without interruption for nearly eight hundred years.

Henry Eyryk, a lineal descendant from Eric, the forester, was seated at Great Stretton, in the county of Leicester, England, at a very remote period. His grandson, Robert Eyryk of Stretton, by his wife Joanna and William, who bore the title of Sir William Eyryk, Knight of Stretton. He was commissioned to attend the Prince of Wales on his expedition into Gascony, 1355. From him descended Robert Eyrick of Houghton, who was living in 1450. Thomas Eyrick of Houghton settled in Leicester, and died in 1517. His second son, John Eyrik, or Heyrick, born 1513, married Mary, daughter of John Bond, Esq., of Ward End in Warwickshire. He died April 2, 1589, leaving a large family, among whom was William, born 1557. He was a member of Parliament from 1601 to 1630, Knighted 1605, and was known as Sir William Herrick of Leicester, London, and Beau Manor Park. He married, 1596, Joan, daughter of Richard May, Esq., of London; died March 2, 1652-53, aged 96. Henry, the fifth son of Sir William, was born at Beau Manor in 1604, and was named by command of the unfortunate Prince Henry, eldest son of James I. His sponsors were Sir David Murry, Sir John Spillman and Lady Aston. He came to this country and settled in Salem, Mass., in 1629. He married Editha, daughter of Mr. Hugh Laskin of Salem, and became the ancestor of the numerous race by that name in this country. He died 1571, leaving seven sons and a daughter, who are named in his will. Of these, Thomas and Benjamin, the eldest and the youngest of the sons, and the daughter, Elizabeth, died childless. The other five sons are regarded as the patriarchs of their respective branches of the posterity of Henry and Editha Herrick. They are

known in history as Zacharie of Beverly, Ephraim of Beverly, Joseph of Salem, John of Beverly, and George of Salem.

Joseph of Salem, baptized, Aug. 6, 1645; died Feb. 4, 1717-18; married, 1st, Sarah Leach, who died about 1764; married, 2d, Mary Endicott about 1677.

Joseph, son of Joseph and Sarah (Leach) Herrick, born April 2, 1667; married Elizabeth —; died Sept. 11, 1749. Benjamin the second son of Joseph, was born April 14, 1700; married, Nov. 27, 1720, Lydia Hayward; died 1773, at Methuen, Mass. He had a large family of whom the tenth was Nathaniel, baptized, Oct. 31, 1736; married Susannah Messer of Methuen, who died Nov. 7, 1807, aged 74; he died 1807. He had Nehemiah, born Sept. 16, 1775; married, 1st, Sarah Day, who died; married, 2d, Nov. 29, 1832, Abigail Hall. Inherited an estate in Methuen from his uncle, Thomas Herrick; died 1844. He had six children of whom the third was Jonathan S.

JONATHAN SYMONDS HERRICK, son of Nehemiah and Sarah (Day) Herrick, was born in Derry, N. H., April 20, 1810; married, 1st, Jan. 3, 1843, Maria S. Whitier, who died 1845; married, 2d, March 4, 1846, Martha R. Richardson, who died in 1852; married, 3d, April 20, 1853, Sarah Richardson; he died Dec. 8, 1895. At an early age his parents moved to Methuen, Mass., settling upon a farm which his father inherited from his uncle, Thomas Herrick. This farm now forms a part of the city of Lawrence. Here he passed his boyhood and youth. At the age of seventeen he became converted and united with the Baptist church in Methuen. On coming of age, he became desirous of fitting himself for the ministry, and took measures to secure an education. He attended the high school in Haverhill, Phillips Academy, Andover and Dartmouth College. He supported himself while studying by teaching common schools and singing schools, and, at times, working at shoemaking. He left college in his junior year, to

take charge of the Baptist church at West Norwich, Vt., where he was ordained September, 1840. He held pastorates in Hudson, N. H., Tyngsborough, Mass., Warner, Rumney and Hanover, and came to Troy in December, 1864, as pastor of the Baptist church, which he held for about fourteen years, or until late in the



REV. JONATHAN S. HERRICK.

winter of 1879, when feeble health compelled him to resign. Mr. Herrick was always interested in educational matters, and especially in the schools of Troy, serving as superintendent of schools for a good many years. He was a Christian gentleman in the truest sense of the word and was honored and respected by the entire community.

- I. ARTHUR S., died 1845.
- II. MARIA E., born in Warner, N. H., Dec. 19, 1846.
- III. JAMES D., born in Warner, N. H., June 4, 1848.
- IV. MARTHA J., born in Warner, N. H., Feb. 11, 1850; married, September, 1876, Rev. Fred A. Thayer, a Congregational minister, who died in Quincy, Ills., March, 1883.
- V. DANIEL F. R., born in Rumney, N. H., Jan. 10, 1852.

OLIVER HAWKINS, born in Winchester, Feb. 6, 1801; married, Sept. 1, 1824, Johannah H. Foster, and resided two years in his native town. He became a citizen of Troy in Sept., 1826. Soon after coming here he bought the location now owned by Mrs. Abel J. Burpee, and resided there until March, 1851, when he removed to Rindge, and later to Fitzwilliam. The last few years of his residence here he was one of the firm of Goddard, Buttrick & Co., in the manufacture of tubs and pails.

- I. LUCY F., born July 3, 1826.
- II. JOHANNAH, born April 15, 1828; married, 1st, Aug., 1847, Willard Holt, who died; married, 2d, June, 1857, Jesse Pike.
- III. ANN LANY, born Oct. 18, 1830; married, Nov., 1852, Alfred R. Harris.
- IV. FANNY, born Sept. 9, 1832; married, May, 1854, Alfred T. Colony.
- V. NANCY E., born June 10, 1834; married, Nov., 1858, Nathan B. Boutwell.
- VI. OLIVER P., born July 21, 1836.
- VII. MARSHALL P., born March 8, 1839; served in the Third Regiment, N. H. V., in the War of the Rebellion; resides in Minneapolis, Minn.
- VIII. SUSAN A., born Feb. 22, 1845.
- IX. JOHN H., born July 14, 1846.

ANDREW HEBERTS, born in Canada, June 20, 1847; married, Aug. 28, 1868, Josephine Freeman, born in Vermont, Aug. 12, 1849.

- I. BERTHA L., born in Canada, Dec. 7, 1871; married, Aug. 21, 1886, Daniel Enright, born Aug. 1, 1865. Children: 1. *Cora Mabel Enright*, born June 2, 1887; 2. *Norman Edward Enright*, born Aug. 1, 1895.
- II. OSCAR L., born July 28, 1873; married, Sept. 10, 1894, Katherine Shehan. One child, *Ellrida Sybil*, born Feb. 28, 1896.
- III. MINNIE E., born Aug. 20, 1875; married, Oct. 1, 1894, Edward McQuade of Marlborough.
- IV. IDA M., born Sept. 12, 1878; married, June 18, 1895, Edmund H. Tenney. One child, *Ellsworth Edwin Tenney*, born Aug. 4, 1896.
- V. ABBIE E., born Oct. 12, 1880.
- VI. ISABELLE P., born March 2, 1882.
- VII. WILFRED J., born April 30, 1884.



- VIII. MELVIN S., born Feb. 25, 1887.
- IX. CLIFFORD D., born Nov. 8, 1889.
- X. OLIVE E., born Sept. 4, 1893.

HEZEKIAH HODGKINS was born in New Ipswich; married Lydia, daughter of Pelatiah Cummings. He died Oct. 4, 1821, aged 64. His widow died April 3, 1843, aged 83.

- I. STEPHEN, born 1782; married Arethusa Corbin, March 26, 1807; died in Albany, N. Y., 1827.
- II. PELATIAH, born 1784.
- III. SARAH, born 1786; died 1817.
- IV. LYDIA, born May 21, 1790; died the same year.
- V. AMOS, born July 25, 1792; died the same year.
- VI. LUCY, born Nov. 15, 1793; married Enoch Garfield; died Dec. 29, 1854.
- VII. LYDIA, born 1796; married, Oct. 5, 1815, Joseph Corbin of Rochester, N. Y.; died 1817.
- VIII. AARON, born April 25, 1797.
- IX. ELIZABETH, born June 7, 1804; died 1812.
- X. SARAH, born 1810; married Almon Wright.

PELATIAH HODGKINS, son of Hezekiah, born 1784; married, Oct., 1814, Mehitable Adams of Jaffrey, and settled on the homestead farm, now owned by Joseph Haskell, where he lived until his death, July 11, 1860. His wife died July 29, 1860, aged 72.

- I. AUGUSTUS, born Nov. 12, 1815; died Oct. 29, 1817.
- II. LYDIA, born Aug. 30, 1818; died June 20, 1845.
- III. AUGUSTUS, 2d, born June 29, 1820.
- IV. SARAH C., born July 19, 1823; died March 8, 1826.
- V. HEZEKIAH, born Jan. 8, 1829; married. Died Sept. 14, 1875. One child, *Angie Maria*, born Oct. 6, 1867.

AUGUSTUS HODGKINS, the second son of Pelatiah, was born June 29, 1820; married, 1st, 1858, Hannah J. Rosebrook, who died Feb., 1883; and he married, 2d, April 14, 1883, Mrs. Elvira M. Leavitt of Twin Mountain, N. H.; died Dec. 15, 1894. Mr. Hodgkins lived on the home farm until about 1865, when he purchased of Leonard Wright the place in the village where he resided until his death. He was one of the selectmen from March, 1862, until March, 1867; represented the town in 1869 and 1870, and was town clerk in 1873,

1874 and 1875. He was a man of conservative principles and sound judgment, and held the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens.



AUGUSTUS HODGKINS.

AARON HODGKINS, son of Hezekiah, born April 25, 1797; married, 1st, Dec. 30, 1821, Rhoda Perkins, who died in 1851; and he married, 2d, Jan. 15, 1852, Mrs. Alfreda T. Brown, widow of Erastus Brown, and daughter of Ezekiel Thompson of Swansey. He died April 11, 1856; Mrs. Hodgkins died Feb. 4, 1873. After his marriage he located in a house near the mill formerly owned by James R. Stanley. After residing there some years he bought the farm now owned by H. E. Mellen, where he resided until his death.

- I. HARRIET A., born July 10, 1825.
- II. CHRISTOPHER, born Jan. 6, 1829; married, Nov. 14, 1854, Mrs. Mellisa (Gurnsey) Tenny; resides in Marlborough. Children: 1. *Leila E.*, born May 20, 1856; married Henry Metcalf; 2. *Arthur C.*, born Aug. 31, 1857; 3. *Eva M.*, born Aug. 4, 1859; died Aug. 24, 1864.
- III. AMBROSE, born Jan. 20, 1831.
- IV. MARY, born Dec. 25, 1832.
- V. FREDERICK, born March 4, 1835.
- VI. CYRUS, born Jan. 24, 1837.
- VII. ERMINA B., born March 19, 1839.

AARON HOLT, born in Holden, Mass., Oct. 27, 1776; settled in Troy in 1807; died in 1826, from the effects of a kick from a vicious horse.

- I. AARON, born Jan. 25, 1801; died Jan. 6, 1818.
- II. JOEL, born March 30, 1803.
- III. JOTHAM H., born Feb. 22, 1805.
- IV. DOROTHY, born Sept. 8, 1807; died 1812.
- V. MOSES WHEELER, born July 6, 1810; died Sept. 21, 1813.
- VI. WILLIAM, born Oct. 13, 1812; married, and went West; died in Newport, Ky.
- VII. AMOS, born Dec. 20, 1814. At the age of nineteen he left home and joined the regular army, and served with credit to himself and country during the Florida war, under Gen. Winfield Scott, as one of his body guard. He carried to his death an honorable scar from a wound received during this campaign. After his discharge from the army, he moved to Somerset, Ky., where he taught school and married in 1844. In 1849, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered into mercantile pursuits, and for many years was one of the leading merchants of the city. He died May, 1895. Children: 1. *Lucy*; married T. J. Collins; 2. *Sarah Frances*; married W. B. Bemis; 3. *Lizzie*.
- VIII. DOROTHY, born Feb. 28, 1816; married John Pool of Jaffrey; died April 18, 1840.
- IX. BETSEY, born March 16, 1819; married Eri J. Spaulding; died Aug. 8, 1849.
- X. AARON, born July 15, 1821.
- XI. LYDIA, born Nov. 16, 1825; married Henry Maynard of Holden, Mass.

JOEL HOLT, son of Aaron, born March 30, 1803; married, 1st, Nov. 20, 1828, Thirza, daughter of Bezaleel and Abigail (Woods) Baker of Marlborough, and located in Troy. In 1835 he moved to Princeton, Mass., and resided there until 1858, when he bought the Baker place and again located in Troy. Mrs. Holt died May

17, 1861, and he married, 2d, Bathsheba——. Mr. Holt died June 19, 1873.

- I. MARY B., born Sept. 8, 1829; died July 8, 1833.
  - II. THIRZA MARIA, born March 8, 1832; died Jan. 16, 1851.
  - III. EUNICE ABIGAIL, born Nov. 11, 1834; married Alvin S. White of Shirley, Mass.
  - IV. MARY JANE, born Oct. 16, 1839; married William L. Bemis.
- JOTHAM H. HOLT, son of Aaron, born Feb. 22, 1805; married, April 19, 1831, Miriam Bartlett of Berlin,



JOTHAM H. HOLT.

Mass., who was born Nov. 26, 1804; he died July 2, 1881. Mr. Holt resided about two and a half years on the Luther Whittemore farm, but in 1834, he purchased of Zopher Whitcomb and heirs the Joseph

Cutting farm, which he owned and cultivated for many years, but finally disposed of it and came to the village to live. He was one of the prominent men of the town and had the confidence of his fellow citizens and was chosen to numerous positions of trust and responsibility.

- I. ELLEN P., born March 8, 1832; married, June 22, 1853, Charles Lewis of Cincinnati, Ohio; resides in Topeka, Kans.
- II. MILTON J., born April 7, 1834; married, Dec. 27, 1864, Lodema Giddings of Cincinnati, Ohio. Children: 1. *George E.*, born July 27, 1866; 2. *Julian B.*, born April 28, 1870; died March 6, 1897; 3. *Alice M.*, born Aug. 30, 1878. Went to New York city in 1868 and has been engaged in the produce commission business; resides in Hoboken, N. J.
- III. LEVI B., born Nov. 9, 1835.
- IV. SARAH D., born Oct. 7, 1838; unmarried.
- V. FREDERICK A., born June 23, 1841; died March 19, 1842.
- VI. JOEL, born Oct. 27, 1843.
- VII. FREDERICK, born Oct. 29, 1845; died Aug. 10, 1846.
- VIII. EDWIN F., born July 27, 1848.

LEVI BARTLETT HOLT, son of Jotham H., was born Nov. 9, 1835; married, June 13, 1869, Cecelia Fish of Stockton, California. He went to California when young, and June 12, 1863, was enrolled as sergeant of Capt. Cook's Co. G, Sixth Regiment California Infantry, serving until Oct. 31, 1865, when he was discharged. The following spring he secured employment on the west side of the San Joaquin river, twenty miles south of Stockton, and later was engaged to tend the ferry near by. In December, 1868, in company with H. Fish, an uncle of his wife, he purchased the ferry. In 1873 he also engaged in farming and stock raising near San Joaquin city. In 1875 he sold his interest in the ferry and devoted his time exclusively to farming, stock raising and buying grain on commission. By energy and industry he soon became a leader in the commission business. In 1886 he rented his farm and moved to Stockton, devoting his time wholly to the grain business. After residing in Stockton a short time he was elected councilman, which office he held for two years. He died May 16, 1889, from concussion



of the brain, caused by being thrown from his carriage while returning from his farm a few days previously. His sudden death caused widespread sorrow in the community in which he resided.



LEVI BARTLETT HOLT.

JOEL HOLT was the fourth son of Jotham H. Holt and was born on the "Holt place," on West Hill, Oct. 27, 1843. He attended the district school, and for a time was a private pupil of Dr. Caverly who found him to be an apt scholar. Later he attended Appleton Academy at New Ipswich, from which he graduated in 1864, the valedictorian of his class. Soon after he enlisted in the First New Hampshire Cavalry, serving in Troop

G, from August, 1864, until June, 1865. After his discharge he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and studied law with Judge Storer of that city and was admitted to the bar. He soon after went to Kansas, his first settlement being made at Wathena, Doniphan county,



JUDGE JOEL HOLT.

whence he migrated to Mitchell, then a new county. He was early chosen to the bench, where he served to great acceptance. For two terms of four years each he served as judge of the fifteenth judicial district of Kansas, the second term being held by the unanimous consent of the voters of that district. Afterwards he was

appointed one of the associate justices of the supreme court of that state, the duties of which arduous and exalted position he discharged with impartiality and singular ability. He was at one time a prominent candidate for Congress in the northwestern section of the state, and although he made a strong fight was defeated. He was a thorough and profound lawyer and a model man, and was a leading citizen in that section of the country, assisting in laying solidly the foundations of lawful government and the institutions of society and religion. In all his public career he was revered as a man above reproach and of great ability. A kind and devoted husband and father and a Christian gentleman, always kind and gentle as a child and pure-minded; no one who ever associated with him in business affairs or the social circles but felt better for the contact, and greater admiration for the strong but simple character of the man. His home was at Beloit, but he joined the great movement from Kansas to Oklahoma and had established himself at Guthrie, and had attained a fine standing at the bar in his new home when he was stricken down before reaching the prime of life. Although a sufferer for some time from chronic stomach trouble, his death was sudden and unexpected, and occurred at Guthrie, O. T., April 27, 1892. On being congratulated after the delivery of an address on the previous Memorial Day, at his home, he remarked that he was gratified, not on his own account, but because he wanted his wife should hear him in such an address before she died, as Mrs. Holt at that time was not expected to live long; but we know not the uncertainty of life, for at the next Memorial Day observance his comrades were called upon to decorate his grave. He received the honorary degree of A. M. from Dartmouth College in 1887. He was for a great many years an active and consistent member of the First Presbyterian Church of Beloit. Married, 1870, Kate A. Blanchard, born Oct. 6, 1846; died Aug. 18, 1894.

- I. JOEL S., born Sept. 20, 1871.
- II. KATE M., born April 7, 1873.
- III. MILTON, born Sept. 22, 1875.
- IV. ALICE WELLS, born Feb. 28, 1876.
- V. ANNA HAYES, born May 8, 1877.

ZALMON HOWE came from Holden, Mass., about 1803. About 1837, he removed to Fitzwilliam, where he died Sept. 13, 1855, aged 87 years; he married Phebe Holt of Holden, who died April 10, 1867, aged 87 years, 9 months.

- I. ASENATH, born —; married John Simonds of Brattleborough.
- II. NELSON, born May 7, 1807; married, 1st, Dec. 24, 1831, Eliza, born March 14, 1815; died June 3, 1850, daughter of Caleb and Mary (Whittemore) Sweetser; married, 2d, Dec. 5, 1850, Angeline, daughter of David Platt of Troy. For many years Mr. Howe, either alone or in connection with his brother, did a large amount of business in manufacturing wooden ware at Howeville, in Fitzwilliam; removed to Boston, and later to Maine.
- III. SARAH, born Aug. 10, 1810; married, April 14, 1831, Thomas Sweetser of Fitzwilliam; died June 19, 1847.
- IV. MARY, born —; married Harvey Blanding.
- V. MARTHA, born —; married Asa B. Clark.
- VI. HARRIET N., born June 6, 1816; married, June 5, 1809, Gideon G. Willis of Swanzey; died May 12, 1878.
- VII. JOEL, born —; married, March 6, 1844, Nancy, daughter of George Richardson; died in Keene.

BOWMAN HOWE, born Aug. 30, 1814; married, Jan. 1st, 1838, Hannah, born June 25, 1815, daughter of Jacob and Phillis (Sweet Grant) Whitcomb; she died Dec. 18, 1854, and he married, 2d, Oct. 2, 1855, Cynthia, born Sept. 21, 1825, a sister of his first wife, who died in Troy, Feb. 20, 1890; Mr. Howe died Jan. 20, 1877.

- I. CHARLES, born Sept. 14, 1838; married, March 1, 1866, Sarah J., daughter of Jason and Sally Knights of Phillipston.
- II. ISAAC WHITCOMB, born May 8, 1840; died July 3, 1842.
- III. ELIZABETH, born June 10, 1843; married Henry Handy, June 29, 1865.
- IV. ORRIN BOWMAN, born Aug. 2, 1847; married, March 17, 1872, Emma, born July 16, 1852, daughter of Amos A. and Catherine (Carter) Flint of Richmond. Children: 1. *Edna*, born in Richmond, Jan. 2, 1876; 2. *Carl E.*, born in Winchester, Aug. 31, 1878.
- V. CORA M., born April 20, 1859; died Dec. 6, 1861.
- VI. EMILY S., born Nov. 6, 1861; married, July 8, 1896, Walter N. Gay.



VII. ELBRIDGE, born Jan. 5, 1864.

VIII. EPHRAIM W., born Sept. 13, 1867; married, June 18, 1891, Sadie E., daughter of A. F. Hannaford.

HUBBARD. George and Mary (Bishop) Hubbard came to America from England about 1733, and first settled in Watertown, Mass. They had John, who married Mary Merriam and lived in Concord, Mass. They had Jonathan, who married Hannah Rice and lived in Concord. They had Thomas, who married Mary Fletcher and lived in Concord. They had Nathan, who married Mary Patterson and lived in Groton, Mass. They had Hezekiah, who married Rebecca Hutchinson, and who went from Groton to Rindge, N. H., in 1783. They had Harry, who married, June 8, 1823, Clarissa Fay and lived in Southborough and Shrewsbury, Mass.

APPLETON BURNHAM HUBBARD, son of Harry, married, Sept. 19, 1854, Betsey L., daughter of Howard and Dolly (Bemis) Clark; died Sept. 29, 1862, aged 33 years.

I. CHARLES A., born June 7, 1857.

II. HARRY, born Oct. 19, 1859.

CHARLES APPLETON HUBBARD, son of Appleton B., was born in Troy, June 7, 1857; married, Oct. 15, 1884, Maryanna, daughter of Julius Augustus and Mary Ann (Wood) Stearns of Rindge. He attended the schools of Troy and the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts at Hanover, graduating from the latter in 1877; returned to Troy and was employed as a clerk in the store of E. P. Kimball & Son for about two years. In 1882 he removed to Boston, Mass., with his mother and brother. Mr. Hubbard was for several years in the accounting department of the Union Pacific Railway Company at its Boston office. He has recently been appointed comptroller of the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company with headquarters in Boston. This railway is about fourteen hundred and fifty miles in length, located in Utah,



Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon. He resides in Newton, Massachusetts.

- I. HARRY APPLETON, born May 5, 1895.



CHARLES A. HUBBARD.

HARRY HUBBARD, second son of Appleton Burnham Hubbard and Betsey Louisa (Clark), was born in Troy, N. H., Oct. 19, 1859. When he was about three years old his father died. He lived in Troy with his mother and brother, Charles A. Hubbard, until the summer of 1882, when they all moved to Boston. As a boy he attended the public schools of the town, for several years under Mrs. L. B. Wright, and afterwards received

private instruction from her, and later from Franklin Ripley, who had then just graduated from Amherst College. At the age of nineteen (1878), he entered



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Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H., and graduated from that Academy in 1880 with the highest rank; and in the fall of that year entered Harvard College, where he remained the full four years and graduated in 1884, with the highest degree (*summa cum laude*) and with the highest honors in political science. In the fall of 1884, he entered the Harvard Law School, where he remained until about Jan. 1, 1885, when trouble with one of his eyes compelled him to rest from study for several months, after which he

entered the law office of Gaston & Whitney, Boston (of which firm ex-Governor Gaston was the senior member), and remained there until the opening of the Harvard Law School in the fall of that year, and continued his course in the school until December, 1885, when the return of the eye trouble again compelled him to suspend study. Fearing that this trouble would compel him to abandon the law as a profession, he applied to Charles Francis Adams and obtained a situation in the service of the Union Pacific Railway Company, in May, 1886, and remained with that company in Boston until 1888. During this time and after the eye trouble ceased, he resumed the study of law and was admitted to the Suffolk County Bar, in Boston, Jan. 17, 1888. In August, 1888, he removed to New York city and entered the law office of Dillon & Swayne, where he continued until the dissolution of that firm. In January, 1893, he formed a copartnership with ex-Judge John F. Dillon and his son John M. Dillon, under the style of Dillon & Hubbard, and is now practicing law as a member of that firm at No. 195 Broadway, New York city. Resides at No. 45 West 95th street in same city. Member of Madison Avenue Baptist church; of Bar Association of the city of New York; of Bar Association of state of New York; and of Harvard Club, New York city. Married, Oct. 15, 1891, Maria Louise Clancy, daughter of Edward Clancy and Maria Louise (Gilborne).

WILLIAM GALATIN HURLBUTT was born in Williamstown, Vt., Sept. 23, 1831; married, Feb. 7, 1860, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Elvira (Wadsworth) Carpenter. Mr. Hurlbutt was for several years, or until May, 1881, station agent at Troy. After that he was at North Ashburnham for a short time, but at present is station agent and postmaster at East Boxford, Mass.

- I. ALICE MARIA, born Jan. 2, 1862.
- II. ANNIE WADSWORTH, born April 17, 1865; married, Oct. 18, 1893, Charles C. Read of South Gardner, Mass. Children: 1. *Katherine Elizabeth Read*, born Sept. 18, 1894; 2. *Alice Gertrude Read*, born July 15, 1896.

III. CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH, born Oct. 5, 1873.

IV. BESSIE GERTRUDE, born Aug. 13, 1880.

HIRAM W. HUTT was born in Nova Scotia, Dec. 15, 1861; married, March 31, 1888, Ida M. Snyder, born in Nova Scotia, April 30, 1867. Mr. Hutt came to Troy soon after his marriage, and a few years since purchased of Mrs. Sarah Brown the place on the Jaffrey road formerly belonging to Eri J. Spaulding.

I. CORA MAY, born June 21, 1892.

II. MURRAY EUGENE, born Jan. 24, 1895.

RANSOM INGALLS, son of Zimri of Richmond, born Oct. 9, 1811; married, 1st, Sept. 30, 1837, Sylphina, born Aug. 18, 1817; died — 1844, daughter of Timothy and Nellie (Keith) B. Pickering of Richmond; married, 2d, May 21, 1844, Eliza, born March 22, 1818; died Aug. 15, 1857, daughter of Cyrus and Betsey (Jackson) Fairbanks; married, 3d, Abigail —; died Nov. 3, 1880; he died Dec. 2, 1882.

I. CHARLES F., born June 15, 1838; married, June 8, 1859, Mary E., born March 21, 1838, daughter of Abijah and Betsey (Sweetser) Spofford of Fitzwilliam; resides in Hillsborough Bridge, N. H. Children: 1. *George Elwell*, born in Troy, March 5, 1862; married, Oct. 6, 1883, Flora R., born Aug. 23, 1861, in Sullivan, N. H., daughter of John S. and Jane E. (Jennings) Currier. One child, Charles Onley, born March 5, 1885. 2. *William Henry Spofford*, born in Marlborough, Feb. 15, 1875.

II. ALBERT E., born — 1846; married, — Ella Loomis of Winchendon. One child, *Leon E.*, born in Troy, Dec. 1, 1874.

III. GEORGE, born —; died.

IV. SARAH, born — 1853; married Herbert Woods.

V. ABBIE ELIZA, born July 12, 1855; married Eugene Woods.

AMOS H. INGALLS, son of Zimri, was a carpenter and builder; lived in Troy several years; married Polly, daughter of Nicholas Cook. Built the house now owned by Ira G. Starkey, the one owned by George A. Starkey, where he lived for a time, and also built the residence of Mrs. Spooner. He died in Gardner in February, 1883.

I. ARTHUR.

II. EMMA.

ISAAC JACKSON, with wife Ruth and children, among whom were Henry and Isaac, came from Attleborough, Mass.,

in 1778, or before, and settled on land now comprising the farm owned by John Tatro, where they cleared up the land, raising a few potatoes and making maple sugar. He died July 16, 1796. His widow was taxed in Fitzwilliam till 1802. The list of his children as given in the old history is not correct in some of the items. The list given here is as correct as it is possible to make it. There was also recorded in Fitzwilliam, infant of Isaac Jackson, died June 29, 1789; daughter, died Oct. 16, 1793.

- I. HENRY.
- II. ISAAC, married Dea. Godding's sister; went to Wallingford, Vt.
- III. JOHN, married Lucretia Millin of Westminster, and settled in Swanzey.
- IV. AMOS, moved to Vermont.
- V. SAMUEL.
- VI. ANNA.
- VII. SARAH.
- VIII. BEBE, born Dec. 16, 1778; married, 1st, Joel Mellen; married, 2d, Russell Ballou, son of James and Tamasin (Cook) Ballou of Richmond; his 2d wife; he was born July 11, 1763, in Cumberland, R. I.; died in Swanzey, Nov. 10, 1847.
- IX. POLLY, born Jan. 16, 1781; married, March 16, 1802, Laban Starkey, son of Peter; died 1844.
- X. LUCY, married — Fisher and settled in Fitzwilliam.

HENRY JACKSON, son of Isaac, was born in Attleborough, and came to Troy with his father and brother Isaac. He married Sally Childs of Alstead, N. H., and settled on West Hill, and afterwards bought of Otis Starkey the farm known as the Porter White place. They had eleven children, six boys and five girls. The girls all died young. He left Troy in 1833, and went to Berlin, Vt., where he died at the age of 93. The following list is not complete and most of the items given are from a letter written by Isaac, son of Henry, when he was 86 years of age.

- I. HENRY, born Oct. 25, 1793; married Abigail Bruce; went to Vermont; died in Williamstown.
- II. SILAS WHITCOMB, born Aug. 22, 1795; married Isabel Phillips; removed to Berlin, Vt.
- III. SUSANNAH, born June 13, 1799; married Herman Fisher; died (Sept.?) 1822.
- IV. SAMUEL, born June 13, 1799; married Laura Lovell; died about 1881. Opened a store in Troy, afterwards removed to Rockingham, Vt., and was in trade there for many years and died there.



- V. SALLY, born Dec. 24, 1800.  
VI. ERASTUS, born —; died in Michigan.  
VII. ISAAC, born 1805; married Mary, daughter of Henry Tolman. They were itinerant preachers and held meetings in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts, and throughout the Western states for thirty years, but finally returned to Harrison, Maine, where they died at a good old age.  
VIII. CHARLES.

JONES. Benjamin Jones was born in Ipswich, Mass., Aug. 18, 1751; married, May, 1773, Elizabeth Cleaves, who was born in Beverly, Oct. 20, 1752. After his marriage, he settled in Lyndeborough as a physician and gained considerable celebrity in his profession. They had ten children and all but one became professedly pious. The grandfather of Benjamin was born in Wales.

JOSEPH JONES, son of Benjamin, married, 1st, Sept. 11, 1811, Ann Richardson, who was born in Billerica, Mass., Aug. 19, 1788; she died in Lyndeborough, May 19, 1827; and he married, 2d, Mrs. Clarissa Page of Burlington, Vt., daughter of Dr. Isaiah Whitney of Rindge; she died Feb. 16, 1844; and he married, 3d, Sept. 28, 1844, Sophronia, another daughter of the aforesaid Dr. Whitney, and resided in Lyndeborough one year. He became a citizen of Troy, in April, 1845,



JOSEPH JONES.

residing in the house built by Lucius Bryant, and now owned by H. A. Marshall. Mrs. Sophronia Jones died in Troy, Jan. 10, 1872; Mr. Jones died June 19, 1872, aged 87.

- I. JOHN, born Sept. 12, 1812; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1833; studied theology at Andover, and was settled over a Congregational church at Chittenden, Vt., but in a few years was dismissed at his own request, after which he was employed two years by the Home Missionary Society to preach as a missionary in Indiana, at the expiration of which time he removed to Sandusky, Ohio, and from thence to Earlville, Illinois. He labored as an evangelist for many years, but finally gave it up and entered the drug business, which he was in at the time of his death, which occurred at Colorado Springs in 1890.
- II. JOSEPH, born Sept. 2, 1818; entered the College Institute at Oberlin, Ohio, but after two years study was obliged to leave on account of ill health, and was a commission merchant in Chicago; was president of the Lackawanna Coal Company for several years; died at Chicago in 1884.
- III. BENJAMIN CLEAVES, born March 31, 1824; died at Chicago in 1884; was in the hardware business.
- IV. CLARISSA ANN, born Nov. 9, 1828; married, Nov. 8, 1849, William R. Hurlbutt. He was a dry goods merchant in Boston; died Jan. 22, 1882. Mrs. Hurlbutt resides in Cambridge, Mass. Children: 1. *Mary Clara*, born in Troy, Oct. 16, 1850; married, Oct. 4, 1878, George Edward Shaw of Dorchester, Mass., who died Nov. 30, 1881; 2. *William Scollay*, born in Cambridge, Oct. 14, 1854; unmarried. Is a dry goods merchant in Boston.

JOHN JARVIS, born in Ireland, Oct. 16, 1840; married, May 16, 1853, Mary Given, born in Ireland, August, 1830. Came from Ireland to Troy in 1879, and located on the farm he now occupies.

- I. LIZZIE, born March, 1855; died 1878.
- II. JAMES, born Nov. 27, 1857; died in Concord, N. H., February, 1887.
- III. JOHN, JR., born Jan. 7, 1859.
- IV. ANDREW, born April 9, 1861.
- V. JOSEPH, born September, 1864; married, June 2, 1888, Emma L., daughter of Henry S. and Mary Brown. Children: 1. *Roy Henry*, born May 8, 1889; 2. *Alice Lillian*, born Sept. 21, 1890; 3. *Bernice*, born Nov. 11, 1894; died Aug. 25, 1895; 4. *Theodore Stafford*, born Sept. 5, 1896.
- VI. ARTHUR, born April 13, 1870; died in Troy, Aug. 19, 1882; killed by being run over by cars.
- VII. MARY, born Feb. 28, 1872.
- VIII. ANNIE, born Oct. 24, 1873.

ARTHUR JARVIS, a brother of John, was born in Ireland; married, Dec. 11, 1880, Johanna Enright, born in Ireland, March 17, 1856. He came to Troy about the same time as his brother.

- I. MARY E., born in Akron, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1881.
- II. LETITIA, born Nov. 27, 1882.
- III. TERESA E., born Aug. 29, 1884.
- IV. LILLIAN F., born Dec. 28, 1894.

MOSES KENNEY came from Marlborough, Mass., about the year 1772, and purchased the farm then owned by James Tiffany, where he resided until 1778, when he sold to Moses Cutting and moved to Vermont. He had one son.

- I. JOHN, baptised Oct. 31, 1773.

NATHANIEL KENDALL was born in Providence, R. I., where he resided until he was sixteen years of age, when he removed to Lancaster, Mass. He came here in 1786, and lived in various places. It is said he changed his residence twenty times.

- I. NATHANIEL, born March 2, 1783; married Mary Annis; died at Springfield, Mass., August, 1846.
- II. JOHN, born Dec. 11, 1784; died at sea.
- III. REBECCA, born Feb. 15, 1786; married Thomas Dival of Lancaster, Mass.; died 1831.
- IV. ABIGAIL, born Sept. 6, 1787; married Jonathan Martin of Richmond; died 1856.
- V. SAMUEL, born Dec. 17, 1788; married Hannah, daughter of Kimber Harvey of Marlborough; died in Canada, 1829.
- VI. THOMAS, born Dec. 28, 1789; married Onda Tiffany of Northfield.
- VII. HENRY, born April 2, 1795; married Dorothy Parker; removed to Canada.
- VIII. HANNAH, born March 18, 1796; married Jonathan Martin of Richmond.
- IX. NANCY, born June 30, 1798; married Hosea Bowen of Richmond.
- X. JOSEPH, born September, 1800.
- XI. SALLY, born Dec. 18, 1802; died 1832.

TIMOTHY KENDALL, born Aug. 25, 1782; married, Sept. 26, 1804, Anna, born April 26, 1782; died April 1, 1860, daughter of Levi and Tabitha (Hardy) Brigham; died Feb. 14, 1851. Mr. Kendall came here about 1815, and in 1819 he built the Stephen B. Farrar house, and resided there until 1831, when he exchanged farms with Stephen Farrar. He reserved several house lots and built the house afterward owned by Earle Clark, and lived there two years. In 1833, he built the house afterwards occupied by A. W. Baker, where

he lived until 1845, when he returned to Fitzwilliam. Children born, i to iv, in Fitzwilliam, v to ix, in Troy.

- I. LYMAN, born July 9, 1805; died May 5, 1828.
- II. CAROLINE, born June 22, 1807; died Nov. 11, 1812.
- III. CLARISSA, born Sept. 29, 1809; died March 15, 1812.
- IV. TIMOTHY B., born Dec. 14, 1811; died Oct. 24, 1812.
- V. TIMOTHY, born Oct. 9, 1813; married, May 10, 1839, Catherine, daughter of Stephen and Polly (Wright) Wheeler; died Dec. 16, 1855. Children: 1. *Charles B.*, born Aug. 15, 1842; 2. *Lucy Ann*, born Jan. 17, 1844.
- VI. CAROLINE, born Jan. 30, 1816; died Aug. 24, 1836.
- VII. PARKMAN, born Sept. 13, 1818; died March 24, 1850.
- VIII. CHARLES, born Jan. 10, 1821; died Feb. 9, 1837.
- IX. GEORGE, born Oct. 24, 1824; died Sept. 14, 1854.

JOSEPH KENDALL, son of Nathaniel, born September, 1803; married Mary Ann Thurston of Marlborough, and located on the Rhan farm, which had before been occupied by his father. He resided there a few years, then moved to the farm then owned by Col. D. W. Farrar, situated south of the S. B. Farrar place. In 1852, he bought of Mrs. Sarah Haskell, a farm upon which he lived for several years. Mr. Kendall died March 30, 1877; Mrs. Kendall died Sept. 17, 1886, aged 78.

- I. JOHN, born Dec. 7, 1827; died June, 1842.
- II. REBECCA, born Sept. 12, 1829; married, 1st, Hayward Bigelow of Princeton, Mass.; married, 2d, Leonard Spaulding of Ayer, Mass.; died April, 1892.
- III. MARY ANN, born Dec. 23, 1831; married Moses Cudworth of Rindge; died Nov. 6, 1895.
- IV. HELEN M., born Jan. 7, 1834; married John Hosley of Springfield, Massachusetts.
- V. JOSEPH W., born Aug. 4, 1838; married, — ; resides in Princeton, Massachusetts.
- VI. CORNELIA J., born Oct. 31, 1840; married, 1st, Frank Colburn; married, 2d, — Anderson; died 1883.
- VII. LUCY A., born March 5, 1843; married Ozro J. Hale.
- VIII. JOHN A., born Aug. 13, 1845; married, — Hattie Ward.
- IX. CAROLINE E., born Oct. 30, 1848; married Alex Frazer of Nova Scotia.
- X. EDWIN FRANCIS, born April 20, 1851; married, 1st, — ; married, 2d, Lucy A. Hubbard of Watertown, Mass.
- XI. EDWINA FRANCES, born April 20, 1851; married Horatio Hastings; resides in East Templeton, Mass.



EDWARD P. KIMBALL is the son of Col. Retyre Kimball of Hillsborough, where he was born Feb. 23, 1820. His mother was Mary Bell of Tewksbury, Mass. His father died Dec. 10, 1830, and at the age of eleven years he was left dependent upon himself to earn his living, which he did doing chores and clerking in stores for different persons. Later he became apprenticed to Benjamin F. Grosvenor, a hatter, and came to Troy in 1836, when a little more than sixteen years of age, and worked at hat making and as salesman until 1841, when he went into business for himself in the shop formerly occupied by Grosvenor, which stood near what is now the stable of C. W. Brown's heirs. The following year he commenced the grocery business. In 1844, he opened a livery stable which he carried on in connection with his numerous other enterprises for thirty years or more. In 1848, he bought of David W. Farrar the store which is now occupied by E. P. Kimball & Son, and which was built a few years before by S. G. Whitney. Ten years later he added the tin business which he carried on in the house now owned by Troy Blanket Mills and known as the "tinshop house." At one time he had ten pedlars on the road. He conducted this business for a few years when he gave it up. In 1859 he bought out the store of Brown Nurse, which was in what is now the tenement part of the Monadnock Hotel, and two years later bought out Thomas Goodall in the D. W. Farrar store. In addition to these he has at different times been connected with or interested in numerous other enterprises which have been carried on here, the picture frame business, the broom business and the brick business, besides holding various offices and serving as postmaster, town clerk, tax collector, auctioneer and deputy sheriff. He was appointed deputy sheriff in 1844, and was appointed sheriff in 1874, and has held the office of deputy sheriff from his first appointment until the present time except under sheriffs B. Lovell, Geo. W. Holbrook and E. F. Lane and while he was sheriff. In 1870, he bought of Elisha H. Tolman, the farm he



now owns, which he has improved and brought into a good state of cultivation, devoting his interests in this direction more particularly to dairying. He is a member of Monadnock Lodge, No. 80, F. & A. M., and was a member of the old Fitz-Trojan lodge of Odd Fellows, which was located in Fitzwilliam from 1849



EDWARD P. KIMBALL.

to 1854. In politics he has always been a Democrat. Thus it is seen that for sixty years he has been intimately associated with most of the local industries, and his knowledge of the town and the history of its people is interesting and varied. He has always been deeply interested in the welfare and prosperity of the

town and favorable to all measures that would conduce to its rise and progress, always ready to assist with labor and money in any undertaking promising any advancement. Having been deprived of securing only a meagre education, he has always been desirous that others should receive all the advantages possible, and has been interested in the public schools and an advocate of all improvements, and was one of the first to take measures for the establishment of a high school



STORE AND RESIDENCE OF E. P. KIMBALL.

department, which flourished for several years under the tuition of Mrs. L. B. Wright. July 9, 1844, he married Mary Ann, daughter of Cyrus and Betsey (Jackson) Fairbanks, and in 1853, bought the house in which he now resides. Three sons have been born to them of whom two survive and are engaged in the business of E. P. Kimball & Son. Col. Retyre Kimball was a native of Hillsborough, where he was born Feb. 4, 1789, and he married, March 28, 1818, Mary Bell of Tewksbury, Mass. He died Dec. 10, 1830, and his widow lived with her son, in Troy, until her death, which occurred Oct. 14, 1873.

- I. CHARLES E., born July 10, 1847; married, May 25, 1870, Abbie L., daughter of Daniel and Sophronia (Keith) Farrar, who died Sept. 20, 1893. One child, Bessie A., born Aug. 3, 1872.

- II. GEORGE FRED, born April 1, 1851; married Aug. 21, 1877, Ella F., daughter of Charles W. and Frances S. (Taylor) Whitney; died April 25, 1881. Children: 1. *Edward Whitney*, born July 11, 1878; 2. *Mary Frances*, born July 28, 1879; died Aug. 19, 1880.
- III. WARREN W., born March 1, 1857.

WINTHROP KNIGHT, son of Joel and Betsey Knight of Sudbury, Mass., born Sept. 9, 1816; married, 1st, April 6, 1843, Lydia, daughter of Isaac and Temperance (Hinckley) Fuller, and settled on the place formerly owned by Jabez Butler, and now owned by him. A few years after, he erected, upon the stream near his house, a shop in which he has manufactured sashes, blinds, has a grist mill and has carried on a wheelwright business. He is the youngest son in a family of fourteen children, eight sons and six daughters, which included three pairs of twins. Mrs. Knight died Nov. 12, 1866, and he married, 2d, July 21, 1867, Mrs. Betsey Starkey, widow of Bailey Starkey.

- I. Daughter, died in infancy.
- II. Son, died young.
- III. ARTHUR PEARL, born Sept. 1, 1858; married Sept. 8, 1880, Ella M., born in Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 17, 1858, daughter of Moses E. and Ellen M. (Parker) Wright. Resides in Marlborough. Children: 1. *Edwin Winthrop*, born Oct. 13, 1881; died Sept. 23, 1882; 2. *Ralph Lewis*, born June 27, 1890; 3. *Mildred Alice*, born Dec. 6, 1895.

THOMAS J. LAHIFF was born in County Clare, Ireland, Aug. 21, 1834; married, Feb. 17, 1863, Bridget Macnamara, who was born in County Clare. He became a citizen of Troy in 1888, coming from Nelson, and settled at the North end on the place he purchased of E. S. Foster.

- I. HENRY T., born in Keene, Jan. 23, 1864; died July 1, 1865.
- II. MARGARET, born in Keene, Dec. 24, 1865; married, Nov. 13, 1889, James McGinness of Hillsborough.
- III. HONORA, born in Keene, Dec. 1, 1867; died Oct. 19, 1882.
- IV. JOHN, born in Keene, Jan. 8, 1870.
- V. BRIDGET, born in Nelson, May 9, 1872.
- VI. MARY, born in Nelson, April 18, 1873; died May 16, 1875.
- VII. THOMAS M., born in Nelson, July 25, 1875.

JOHN F. LANG, born in Germany, March 29, 1818; married, 1st, Christine Young; married, 2d, 1836, Minnie Fetler,

born Nov. 29, 1814. He came to Troy in 1859, and worked in the blanket mills for several years, but purchased the Cutting place in 1873, where he has since resided.

- I. PAULINA, born 1840; married, 1st, — Buckwold; married, 2d, Josiah Ruffle.
- II. GOTTLIEB, born 1842.
- III. AUGUSTA, born 1847; married D. Alden Starkey.
- IV. CHARLES, born 1854.
- V. JOHN, born 1856.

LOUIS LAPOINT, born June 1, 1847; married, March, 1867, Julia Freeman, born Nov. 21, 1846.

- I. MARY ALICE (ELIZA), born June 8, 1870.
- II. EMILY, born Dec. 21, 1874.
- III. FRED, born July 16, 1876.
- IV. ARTHUR, born Oct. 1, 1877.
- V. CECELIA, born Dec. 8, 1880.
- VI. JOSEPHINE, born Feb. 17, 1882.
- VII. EMMA, born Feb. 10, 1885.
- VIII. WALTER, born May 17, 1888.
- IX. THEODORE, born June 7, 1894.

LAWRENCE. George Lawrence, an early settler of Watertown, Mass., born 1637; married, 1st, Sept. 29, 1657, Elizabeth Crisp, who died May 28, 1681; and he married, 2d, Aug. 16, 1691, Elizabeth Holland; he died March 21, 1708-9. His son George, born June 4, 1688; married Mary —, and died March 5, 1735-36. William, son of George, born March 20, 1711; married, Nov. 28, 1734, Mary Perry, and settled in Weston, Mass.

DANIEL LAWRENCE, son of William and Mary (Perry) Lawrence, born in Weston, Mass., Sept. 29, 1747; married Elizabeth Graves of Sudbury, their "marriage intention" being published Dec. 5, 1772. He died July 13, 1832; his widow died Oct. 29, 1840, aged 101.

- I. POLLY, born 1774; married Hugh Thompson; died in Maine.
- II. BETSEY, born 1777; married, Oct. 7, 1800, George Starkey of Swanzy; died Sept. 13, 1813.
- III. DANIEL, born 1779; married, Nov. 25, 1802, Lucy Moore; removed to Albany, N. Y.
- IV. LUCY, born 1781; married, July 29, 1802, Cyrus Coolidge.
- V. JOHN, born Feb. 2, 1784.

JOHN LAWRENCE, son of Daniel, born Feb. 2, 1784; married, 1st, March 4, 1806, Irena, daughter of Jacob Newell, Jr., and settled on the home farm. Mrs. Lawrence died 1849, and he married, 2d, Mrs. Eliza Hayden, who died Aug. 18, 1863; he died Jan. 16, 1864.



JOHN LAWRENCE.

- I. LOUISA, born 1806; died at an early age.
- II. ANNA, born 1807; removed to Attleborough, Mass.
- III. CLARISSA, born 1809; died aged 13 months.
- IV. IRENA, born 1810; died 1842.
- V. SIMON, born 1812; married Eliza Buffum; removed to Fitchburg.
- VI. BETSEY, born 1814; married A. B. Harrington.
- VII. JOHN, born 1816; married Adaline Goodenow of Winchendon.
- VIII. HOUGHTON, born 1818; married, Feb. 2, 1868, Mrs. Betsey L. Hubbard; died April 10, 1884.
- IX. CYNTHIA, born 1820; died 1840.
- X. SARAH, born 1822; died 1849.
- XI. HARVEY, born 1823; removed to Illinois.
- XII. ALMIRA, born 1826; removed to Illinois.

JONATHAN LAWRENCE, a brother of Daniel, born Feb. 1, 1750; married, 1773, Lucy Moore of Sudbury, Mass.

- I. JONATHAN.
- II. SAMUEL.
- III. CYRUS, died in Massachusetts.
- IV. LUCY, removed to Vermont.
- V. ISAAC, removed to Vermont; married Polly Lebourveau of Keene.
- VI. WILLIAM.
- VII. ABIGAIL, married — Newton.
- VIII. SARAH L., born June 4, 1787; married Daniel Cutting; died April 30, 1847.
- IX. EUNICE, removed to Vermont.
- X. BETSEY, married — Rice.



JONATHAN LAWRENCE, son of Jonathan, married, 1798, Dorothy, born Aug. 26, 1774; died Feb. 21, 1860, daughter of Moses Cutting. He lived some years on the Forbes place in the south part of Marlborough. About 1804, he purchased of Hugh Thompson the farm afterwards owned by Sidney A. Butler, where he lived till near the close of his life, when he went to live with his brother William. He died October, 1841.

- I. ALFRED, born June 2, 1799; died April, 1848.
- II. BELINDA, born July 12, 1802; married James Downing of Dedham, Mass.; died Nov. 25, 1873. Children: 1. *James Lafayette Downing*, born Oct. 2, 1824; died April 13, 1826; 2. *Marietta Angeline Downing*, born April 22, 1841; died Aug. 14, 1842; 3. *Belinda L. Downing*, born Feb. 25, 1826; died Dec. 1, 1873; 4. *Alfred Downing*, born April 29, 1829; 5. *John H. Downing*, born Dec. 7, 1838.
- III. SOPHRONIA, born Jan. 29, 1804; died Dec. 8, 1885; unmarried.
- IV. HORATIO, born May 11, 1807; married Mary, daughter of Reuben and Polly (Wheeler) Newell; died in Londonderry, Vt., Dec. 8, 1893; Mrs. Lawrence died July 31, 1897. Children: 1. *Mary Jane*, born Nov. 28, 1839; 2. *Eliza Ann*, born May 29, 1841; married Horace Hayward; Children: *Lizzie L. Hayward*, born Jan. 14, 1863; married Charles W. Whitney, Jr.; *Charles Hayward*, born July 10, 1865; *Gertrude Hayward*, born Feb. 25, 1877; 3. *Horatio L., Jr.*, born June 16, 1844.
- V. AUSTIN, born Dec. 25, 1809; died in Arkansas, January, 1877. Had four children, *John*, *Milton*, *Mollie*, *George*.
- VI. DOROTHY, born Nov. 26, 1812; married Easman Alexander; died Aug. 19, 1890.
- VII. GREGORY, born Feb. 23, 1816.

SAMUEL LAWRENCE, son of Jonathan, married Anna Pratt, and lived a few years in Royalston, Mass. He came here in 1807. Was drowned in the Branch in the winter of 1810. His widow married Aaron Willard, March 11, 1813. She was born in Royalston, March 3, 1777, and died Aug. 21, 1871.

- I. WILLIAM, born Feb. 23, 1800; married Sarah E. Hiscock; died Jan. 8, 1852.
- II. ALMON, born 1802; married, 1st, Eliza Lawrence, who died 1835; and he married, 2d, Mary Bamfield; removed to Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- III. DANFORTH, born 1804; married Mary Newman; settled in Medford.
- IV. JONAS, born 1806; married Lydia Coburn; settled in Hillsborough.

GREGORY LAWRENCE, son of Jonathan, Jr., born Feb. 23, 1816; married, June 15, 1845, Emily, daughter of Lemuel Brown, and located on the Silas Wheeler farm.



GREGORY LAWRENCE.

He has been a very industrious man, a successful farmer, and a person who has attended strictly to his own business.

- I. ALFRED G., born April 24, 1849; married, March 14, 1872, Sarah F., daughter of Reuben and Melinda (Lane) Morse, who died Aug. 3, 1878. One child, *Frank G.*, born April 28, 1877.
- II. HARRIET ROSE, born April 6, 1855; married Carlos M. Barnard.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, son of Jonathan, married, 1st, Nov. 15, 1804, Patty, daughter of Joseph Haskell, and settled on the homestead. Mrs. Haskell died Jan. 5, 1840, and he married, 2d, April 5, 1842, Mrs. Temperance Fuller. He lived on the homestead until about 1856, when he moved with his son, Joseph E., to the place purchased of A. B. Gates. He died Nov. 25, 1861.



WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

- I. CALVIN, born April 10, 1805; married, Nov. 8, 1838, Mary Ann, daughter of Simeon Merrifield; died Nov. 22, 1866. Mrs. Lawrence died September, 1892. Children: 1. *Frederick A.*, born 1841; married Jane Fisk; died Jan. 25, 1863. One child, Mary R., born Feb. 14, 1861; 2. *Helen*, married Henry C. Allen; 3. *Louise*, married Asa B. Fisk.
  - II. MARY, born Aug. 14, 1806; married, 1st, E. Perkins, who died; married, 2d, Asa Boyden of Rhode Island; died June, 1873.
  - III. JOSEPH, born Dec. 22, 1809; died Dec. 25, 1820.
  - IV. FANNY, born Sept. 25, 1812; married Jonas Bemis; died April 26, 1869.
  - V. WILLIAM H., born Sept. 29, 1815; died Jan. 10, 1817.
  - VI. WILLIAM, born July 15, 1817.
  - VII. LUKE, born July 2, 1819; married Mary Boyden; died at Portsmouth, R. I., Jan. 17, 1890.
  - VIII. MARTHA ANN, born Nov. 24, 1829; married Benjamin F. Forristall; died Oct. 8, 1890.
  - IX. JOSEPH E., born Dec. 9, 1829; married, Nov. 12, 1851, Harriet E., daughter of Isaac and Temperance (Hinckley) Fuller. One child, *Harriet Eva*, born Sept. 18, 1865; married Charles W. Corey.
  - X. ALFRED, born Jan. 24, 1834; married Caroline M. Streeter; died June 19, 1864. One child, *Nellie*, born July 21, 1859.
- CHRISTOPHER F. LAWSON, born in Denmark, Jan. 10, 1836; married, 1st, Adaliza Fox. Mrs. Lawson died and he

married, 2d, November 15, 1874, Mrs. Caroline A. Sutton.

- I. JAMES ALFRED.
- II. CHARLES E., born Nov. 27, 1865; died April 8, 1867.
- III. BENJAMIN F., born Jan. 5, 1869.
- IV. LORA ELSIE, born Oct. 28, 1875.
- V. JOHN HERRICK, born Oct. 24, 1878.

LOWE. David Lowe was born in Lunenburg, Mass., July 17, 1785, and died in Amherst, N. H., Jan. 9, 1867. His wife was Betsey Damon, born in Lancaster, Mass., Sept. 11, 1789, and died in Amherst, Nov. 24, 1881. He settled in Fitzwilliam, on the place now owned by Ethan Blodgett, in 1821, where he lived for about seventeen years, when he sold out and removed to Amherst. Previous to this he lived in Fitchburg, where five of his seven children were born. 1. George, born Feb. 7, 1812; 2. Abigail Sweetzer, born July 20, 1814, who married Luke C. Clark; 3. David P.; 4. Cyrus, born Oct. 18, 1818; 5. Sumner, born April 21, 1821; died June 15, 1821; 6. Newton, born Aug. 21, 1823; 7. Mary Elizabeth, born Feb. 13, 1826.

DAVID PERKINS LOWE, the second son of David, was born March 31, 1816; married, 1st, Oct. 12, 1843, Lucy Ann Damon of Amherst, N. H., who was born June 1, 1818, and died June 14, 1853; married, 2d, June 14, 1855, Susan Upham of Amherst, born April 14, 1832. He died July 20, 1894. Mr. Lowe was a carpenter by trade and followed the business previous to coming here. He came to Troy, in April, 1861, and located on the Levi Whittemore place which he had previously purchased of Luke C. Clark. He tore down the house then on the premises and erected the present house.

- I. WILLIAM P., born May 25, 1845.
- II. ALPHONSO D., born Sept. 3, 1849; died Aug. 22, 1850.
- III. AMBRY DELIA, born Aug. 21, 1857.
- IV. DAVID BRAINARD, born April 16, 1861; married, April 9, 1890, Florence Belle Burnham of Roxbury, Mass., born Sept. 5, 1864. One child, *Florence Crystal Brainard*, born May 27, 1891; resides in Somerville, Mass.

- v. JASPER, born March 20, 1869; died same day.
- vi. SUSAN PAULINE, born Feb. 21, 1873.



DAVID P. LOWE.

GEORGE F. MADDOX was born in Ellsworth, Me., June 4, 1858; married, Oct. 13, 1888, Ida E., daughter of Oliver W., and Hannah (Harris) Smith, born Dec. 17, 1869.

- I. LESSIE IDA, born July 23, 1889.
- II. ETHEL AUGUSTA, born Feb. 3, 1891.
- III. RENA FLORENCE, born July 12, 1892.
- IV. CARL FULTON, born June 30, 1894.
- V. BERTHA LAURA, born Aug. 4, 1895; died Sept. 10, 1895.

ANDREW S. MAHON, born in Mt. Holly, Vt., Feb. 14, 1853; married, Oct. 31, 1876, Flora C. Pratt; died June 17, 1892.

- I. JESSIE E., born Jan. 10, 1879.



HENRY C. MAHON, born in Mt. Holly, Vt., March 28, 1855; married, June 24, 1882, Myra L. Hale of Winchendon, Mass., born Nov. 2, 1861.

I. MYRTINA ELIZABETH, born May 8, 1883.

II. GRACE REBECCA, born Jan. 7, 1892.

ELIAS MANN, son of Theodore, married, Jan. 1, 1811, Betsey, daughter of Joseph and Parna (Temple) Butler, and although he frequently changed locations, spent a large portion of his life in Troy. He died in Jaffrey, March 11, 1858.

I. LAUREN A., born July 15, 1813; died aged 8 months.

II. ELIAS W., born Oct. 15, 1815; died Oct. 20, 1829.

III. EDWARD, born Feb. 16, 1817; died Oct. 15, 1819.

IV. LAUREN, 2d, born Jan. 15, 1819; died Feb. 5, 1819.

V. EDWIN, born Sept. 20, 1821; died April 29, 1856.

VI. ALMON, born Sept. 15, 1823.

VII. ELIZA, born July 15, 1825; died June 27, 1826.

VIII. L. JASON, born July 1, 1827; died Jan. 1, 1831.

IX. JOHN W., born Dec. 8, 1830.

WILLIAM C. MASON, son of Clark, born Dec. 8, 1817; married, Oct. 19, 1841, Susan W., daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Warren) Page. He became a citizen of Troy in August, 1854, and resided here until 1865, when he returned to Marlborough. He descended from Nehemiah Mason, who was born in Watertown, Mass., June 14, 1721, and married, 1st, Elizabeth Stone, in 1754, who died April 24, 1755; married, 2d, Martha Clark in 1756. They had born to them, Dec. 23, 1758, a son, Hugh, who became a soldier in the Revolutionary war, after which he married Elizabeth Clark, and settled in Watertown, where he resided till 1794, when he moved to Marlborough. His wife, Elizabeth, died Feb. 26, 1819, and he married, 2d, Jan. 19, 1820, Lydia Moore, and lived in Marlborough, until his death, Aug. 25, 1838. Clark Mason, son of Hugh, was born April 16, 1794; married Eunice Adams, Jan. 1, 1817, and moved to Richland, Oswego County, N. Y., where their son was born. Mr. Mason died —; his widow died —.

I. WARREN W., born July 5, 1845; married Ella Parks of Winchendon.

ORA C. MASON, son of Amos A., born in Marlborough, June 13, 1860; married, Sept. 30, 1880, Carrie Louisa, born March 15, 1859, daughter of George and Elizabeth V. (Hartshorn) Lovering. Children born, I and III, in Marlborough, II, in Northfield, Mass., IV, in Troy.

- I. HARRY WILBUR, born Aug. 10, 1881.
- II. CHARLES RICHARD, born Feb. 23, 1883.
- III. CLIFFORD LOVERING, born July 30, 1885.
- IV. CARL ADAMS, born Aug. 30, 1891.

SAMUEL A. MASON, son of Amos A., born Feb. 6, 1856; married, Aug. 25, 1884, Myra S. Howe of Dublin.

- I. ELWIN H., born Oct. 26, 1886.
- II. INEZ E., born May 23, 1889.
- III. LUCY A., born May 6, 1893.

WARREN C. MASON, son of Elijah W., born in Dublin, Jan. 17, 1851; married in 1872, Azubah M. Whitney of Keene. He is at present time assistant superintendent of the Troy Blanket Mills.

- I. WALDO J., born March 25, 1877; died Nov. 19, 1877.
- II. EDITH M., born Nov. 7, 1878; died May 6, 1879.
- III. EDITH, adopted daughter.

GEORGE W. MASON, born in Albany, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1852; married, July 14, 1879, Lizzie M. Howard of Gilsum, born June 7, 1857.

- I. INA MABEL, born Nov. 3, 1882.
- II. MARY, born Sept. 2, 1884; died Dec. 27, 1892.
- III. LEE HOWARD, born April 22, 1890.

WILLIAM MARSHALL, was the son of William and Anna (Harrington) Marshall; married, Sept. 23, 1834, Louisa, daughter of Isaac Aldrich, and located on the premises before occupied by his father, now known as the "Marshall house." He was a shoemaker and worked at his trade in the shop now owned by Mrs. Sarah E. Capron, until his death, April 11, 1855.

- I. EMELINE LOUISA, born June 19, 1837; married Milton Putney.
- II. ABBY ANN, born March 29, 1840; married Lyman Putney.

HERBERT A. MARSHALL, son of Addison A., born in Fitzwilliam, May 12, 1856; married, Jan. 13, 1880, Edna M., born Aug. 28, 1860, daughter of James and Mary J. (Lebourveau) Holman.

- I. ORRIE LOUISE, born Aug. 31, 1890.

SIMEON MERRIFIELD, came from Newfane, Vt., settled in Fitzwilliam, about 1811. He was born Aug. 21, 1783, and died Nov. 9, 1869, in New Salem, Mass., where he was living with a daughter; married, 1st, Maria Connor, who died, and he married, 2d, Lois, born Sept. 26, 1787; died Sept. 29, 1859, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Haven) Stone. Children, I, by 1st marriage; II to XIII, by 2d marriage; all by 2d marriage born in Fitzwilliam.

- I. JAMES ALLEN, died in Jaffrey, Nov. 17, 1886.
- II. MARIA F., baptized May 24, 1812; married, 1st, March 29, 1845, Benjamin F. Merrill; married, 2d, Lewis Wyman; died May, 1897.
- III. WILLARD, baptized Sept. 5, 1813.
- IV. ELIZABETH, baptized April 9, 1815; married William Parkhurst; resides in New Salem, Mass.
- V. SUBMIT, baptized April 20, 1817; died about 1870; married, 1st, Solomon Tupper; married, 2d, B. Quimby; married, 3d, Reuben Gibson.
- VI. MARY ANN, baptized Oct. 11, 1818; married Calvin Lawrence.
- VII. ABIGAIL STONE, born May 3, 1821; married, May 3, 1840, Amos Wallingford; died Feb. 12, 1885.
- VIII. LOIS HAVEN, born Aug. 17, 1822; married Erastus Tupper; died Aug. 21, 1887.
- IX. SIMEON, born March 29, 1825.
- X. LEVI, born Dec. 28, 1826.
- XI. ANSTRISS, born Oct. 8, 1832; died March 2, 1886, unmarried.
- XII. SARAH S., born April 3, 1833; married, Sept. 17, 1850, Emerson E. Bissell; resides in Keene.
- XIII. SOPHRONIA, born April 3, 1833, twin, died in infancy.

SIMEON MERRIFIELD, son of Simeon, born March 29, 1825; married, 1st, April 1, 1850, Susannah, daughter of Elijah and Lucy (Butler) Bemis. She died Oct. 1, 1853, and he married, 2d, April 4, 1855, Nancy M., daughter of Erastus and Mehitable Tupper. Children born, I, in Fitzwilliam, by 1st marriage; II to X, in Troy, by 2d marriage. Mrs. Merrifield died May 17, 1882.

- I. FRANCIS, born May 2, 1851; died April 16, 1853.
- II. SUSANNAH, born May 2, 1856; died Oct. 20, 1876.
- III. WALTER S., born Nov. 2, 1857; died March 24, 1881.
- IV. ELLA, born Sept. 2, 1859; died Dec. 13, 1877.
- V. ETTA J., born Jan. 18, 1862; married, July 1, 1890, Herbert C. Moulton, born October, 1862, in Pawtucket, R. I. One child, *Walter Simeon Moulton*, born in Keene, April 21, 1891.

- VI. IDA L., born Aug. 8, 1866; died Oct. 28, 1876.
- VII. ROSA M., born Dec. 9, 1870; died March 28, 1886.
- VIII. LULU A., born June 16, 1874; married Henry J. Brown; died May 22, 1895.
- IX. LENA S., born Sept. 17, 1876.
- X. ANNIE, born Sept. 6, 1878; died Jan. 4, 1879.

LEVI MERRIFIELD, son of Simeon, born Dec. 28, 1826; married, 1st, Oct. 10, 1848, Sarah S., daughter of Easman and Lucy (Garfield) Alexander. She died March 4, 1863, and he married, 2d, Feb. 3, 1864, Caroline L., daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Bowen) Alexander. Children born, I, in Fitzwilliam, II to VI, in Troy.

- I. CHARLES C., born June 19, 1852; married Belle Gibson, died Aug. 29, 1877.
- II. FLORA E., born April 6, 1858.
- III. ELMER U., born July 21, 1867.
- IV. ELWIN D., born Oct. 6, 1868.
- V. KATIE E., born April 18, 1872.
- VI. EFFIE L., born Sept. 28, 1874.

LEONARD H. MERRIFIELD, son of Horace, was born in Richmond, Oct. 12, 1856; married, July 24, 1876, Mary A. Coulter, born in Leominster, Jan. 27, 1860.

- I. JAMES, born Dec. 21, 1877.
- II. CLARA L., born July 24, 1880.
- III. ANNA MARIA, born June 16, 1882.
- IV. MARY JANE, born April 7, 1884.
- V. ALICE ELIZABETH, born Dec. 17, 1885.
- VI. LENA DELIA, born May 23, 1889.
- VII. LAURA DYLLA, (twin), born May 23, 1889.
- VIII. ELLEN FRANCES, born Jan. 12, 1893.
- IX. BESSIE ELMIRA, born Oct. 8, 1894.
- X. EVA LYDIA, born March 15, 1897.

LUKE MILLER, born in Peterborough; married Abby Ann Lovell.

- I. LUKE.
- II. ABBY JANE.

REUBEN MORSE, son of Reuben and Betsey (Hayward) Morse, was born in Sullivan, March 23, 1805. His great-grandfather, Thomas Morse, was born in Sherborn, Dec. 5, 1709; married Mary Treadway of Framingham. He moved to Dublin about 1762, and was

the first permanent settler in that town. Reuben Morse married and settled in Sullivan. His wife died and he married, 2d, Nov. 24, 1840, Melinda A., born Dec. 16, 1815, daughter of Capt. John and Mary (Livingstone) Lane, and after residing a short time in Sullivan, removed to Marlborough, and later came to Troy. He died March 18, 1881; his widow still resides in Troy.

- I. ROSE U., born Sept. 9, 1842; married, April 29, 1869, Ira W. Ellis. Children: 1. *Leslie E. Ellis*, born Sept. 24, 1872; 2. *Edith M. Ellis*, born July 7, 1874.
- II. ELLEN M., born Jan. 18, 1845; married George N. Parmenter.
- III. MARY L., born April 17, 1847; married, March 29, 1872, Charles P. Ellis. One child, *George S. Ellis*, born December, 1873.
- IV. SARAH F., born May 13, 1849; married Alfred G. Lawrence; died Aug. 3, 1878.
- V. GEORGE R., born Dec. 31, 1851; killed by the accidental discharge of a gun, April 6, 1863.

SAMUEL MORTIMER, born in England, June 13, 1827; married, 1847, Harriet Dallimore, born Sept. 6, 1822. Came to America in 1872, and became a resident of Troy the following year, purchasing a lot of land of Calvin Allen, and building the house now owned by his son, near the residence of E. F. Adams.

- I. ELLEN, born April 8, 1848; married Stephen F. Silcox.
- II. FRANK, born Jan. 14, 1850.
- III. LOIS, born Dec. 14, 1851; married John Frances; resides in England.
- IV. EUNICE, born Nov. 21, 1855.
- V. LYDIA, born July 13, 1859.
- VI. LEAH, born Dec. 15, 1860; married, March 25, 1891, John Butler. One child, *Hazel Butler*, born in Winchendon, Dec. 29, 1891.
- VII. ROLAND, born Sept. 11, 1862; died March 16, 1863.

FRANK MORTIMER, son of Samuel, born Jan. 14, 1850; married, 1st, July 13, 1879, Lizzie H. Sargent of Marlborough, who died Sept. 14, 1879; married, 2d, July 5, 1882, Elizabeth Armitage, who died March 30, 1890.

- I. LOIS, born June 4, 1883.

JACOB NEWELL, came from Attleborough, Mass., about 1769, and located here. He married Hepzibeth Hart of Lynn, Mass., by whom he had six children.

- I. JACOB.
- II. PEARSON; died in the army.



- III. JAMES; removed to Vermont.
- IV. REUBEN.
- V. SARAH; married — Boyce; removed to the West.
- VI. HEPZIBETH; died in Troy.

JACOB NEWELL, eldest son of Jacob, married, Jan. 17, 1782, Anna Finney of Richmond. Settled in Pennsylvania, where he died. Children all born in Marlborough.

- I. NATHAN, born Nov. 4, 1783; married Adelia Whitcomb.
- II. PEARSON, born June 29, 1785.
- III. IRENA, born Aug. 28, 1786; married, March 4, 1806, John Lawrence; died 1849.
- IV. MARTHA, born Aug. 18, 1788.
- V. PRUDENCE, born July 29, 1790; married Elijah Harrington; died June 3, 1827.
- VI. HOLTON.

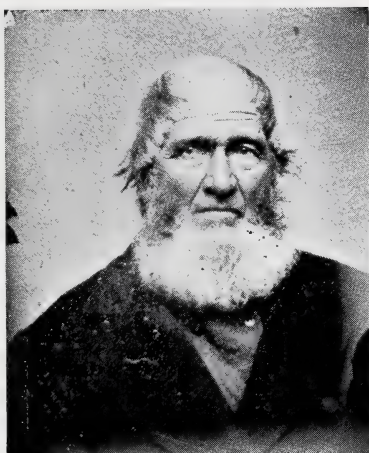
REUBEN NEWELL, son of Jacob, married, 1804, Polly, daughter of Nathan Wheeler. He died in Troy, May 30, 1847.

- I. STILLMAN, born March 7, 1806; married Lucy Clark; lived in Northbridge.
- II. MIRANDA, born 1807; married, Feb. 18, 1841, Sampson Wheeler; died —.
- III. PEARSON, born 1808; perished with cold on board the schooner "Hudson" in returning from New York in 1832.
- IV. HARLOW, born 1810; married Mary E. Simmons; removed to Wisconsin.
- V. MARY, born 1811; married Horatio Lawrence; died July 31, 1897.
- VI. ELIZA, born 1817; married William Whitman of Troy, N. Y.
- VII. SARAH, born 1822; married Sumner Taylor of Richmond.

NATHAN NEWELL, son of Jacob Newell, Jr., born Nov. 4, 1783; married Adelia, daughter of Nathan Wheeler. He resided for some time in the Warren store, but about 1815, built part of the house that was afterwards owned by E. P. Kimball. He was a blacksmith and worked in a shop which stood near where the stable of C. W. Brown's heirs now stands. In 1818, he sold his house to William Stearns and moved into the house then owned by Solomon Goddard, where he resided about one year, then moved to Richmond.

- I. AMOS, married Sarah Larkin; lived in Richmond.
- II. ANNA F., married Aaron Wheeler of Richmond.
- III. FINNEY, married Emily Harris; removed to the West.

LUTHER NEWTON, a son of Seth Newton of Southborough, Mass., married Miriam, daughter of Ezra Newton of Southborough, and came to Marlborough in 1788. He resided for a short time on the farm now owned by the Rufus S. Frost heirs. He purchased land and erected a log house near what has since been known as the "Newton meadow."



DANA NEWTON.

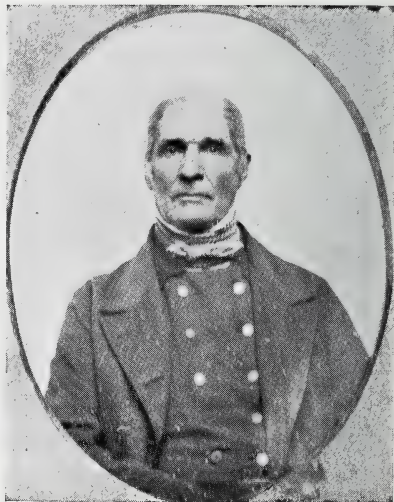
He soon after purchased another lot of land, where he began to clear the forest, and built a house which is the one now known as the George Thatcher place, into which he moved in 1797. He died Nov. 19, 1829; his widow died Sept. 22, 1852. They had five children. His grandmother lived to be 106, and his great-grandmother, 112 years of age.

- I. ARTEMAS, born June 18, 1785.
- II. CATHERINE, born Oct. 10, 1786; married Luke Blodgett.
- III. CALVIN, born Feb. 1, 1791.
- IV. DANA, born June 17, 1795; died at Freeport, Ills., Sept. 26, 1875.  
It is said that he resembled his father somewhat in looks, and his portrait is here presented for this reason, as there is no portrait of Luther Newton in existence.
- V. NANCY, born Feb. 16, 1801; died in Troy, July 7, 1887.

CALVIN NEWTON was born Feb. 1, 1791; married, 1st, Sally, daughter of Reuben Newton of Southborough, Mass.; she died May 25, 1832, and he married, 2d, Feb. 24, 1833, Lucretia Lebourveau of Keene, who died July 25, 1840; married, 3d, April 6, 1841, Sally Elmina, daughter of Benjamin and Phebe (Norcross)

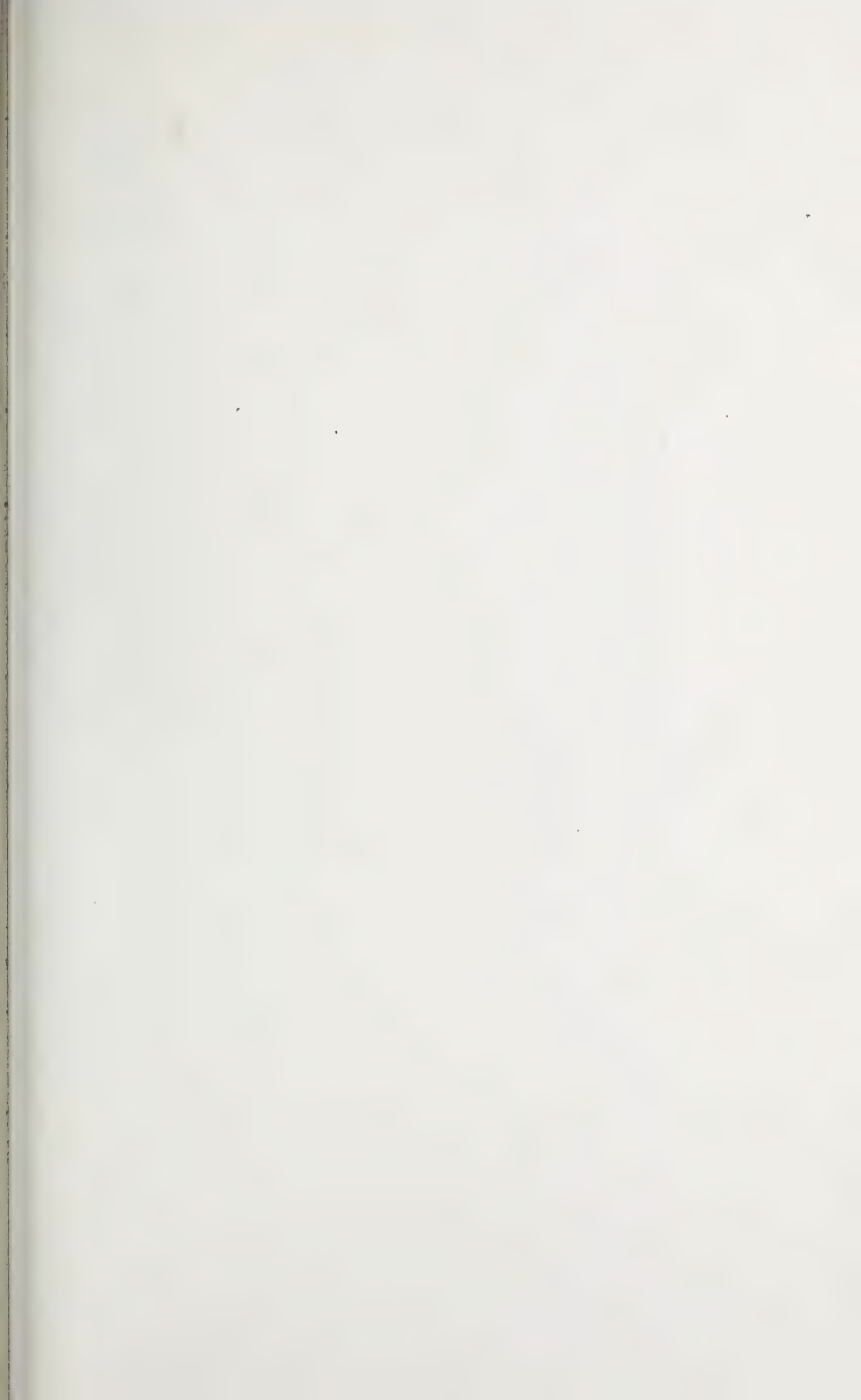
Mason of Dublin; she died March 24, 1843, and he married, 4th, Oct. 1, 1844, Sally Hart of Hancock, who died March 28, 1849; married, 5th, May 13, 1857, Sabra Worster of Swanzey. She died Oct. 16, 1871, and he sold his place in Swanzey, where he had resided for fourteen years, and came to Troy to live with his son. He died Dec. 16, 1873. He had five children, two by his first marriage, two by his second marriage, and one by his third marriage. They were:

- I. EMILY.
- II. MARTIN L.
- III. JOHN C.
- IV. CHARLES.
- V. EMILY E.



CALVIN NEWTON.

MARTIN L. NEWTON was the son of Calvin and Sally Newton of Marlborough, where he was born July 21, 1820, where he lived until he came to Troy. His grandfather, Luther Newton, was an early settler, coming to Marlborough, in 1788, and building a log house, settled on what afterward became known as the Newton place. He was a man of great physical endurance, and possessing a good mind, acted a conspicuous part in the settlement of the town. In selecting land for his farm he manifested wise judgment, it being rich in soil and afterwards became famous for its productiveness. A conspicuous landmark is now on the place, it being an elm tree which stands over the house, and which he brought some distance on his shoulder and set out. His son Calvin, the father of Martin, was a man of much ability and dignity of character. He was for many years one of the foremost citizens of the town, respected for his general knowledge and sound judgment,

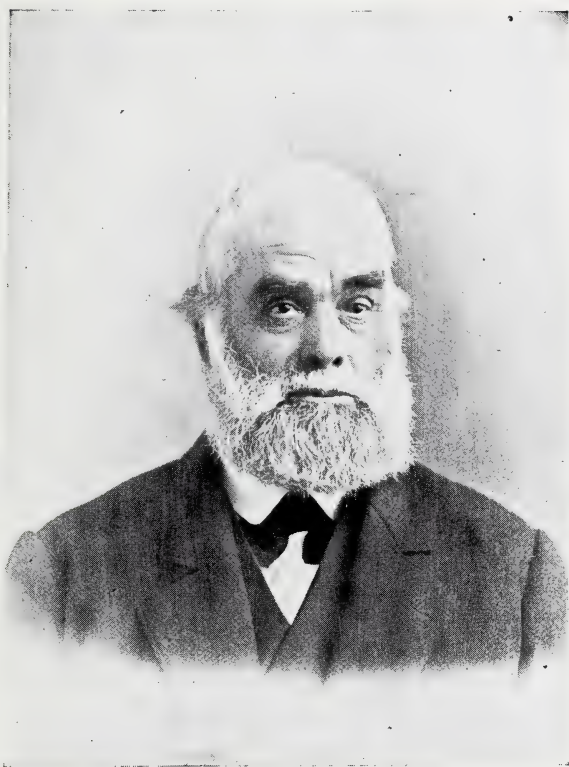




RESIDENCE OF H. C. NEWTON AND FORMER RESIDENCE OF  
THE LATE M. L. NEWTON.



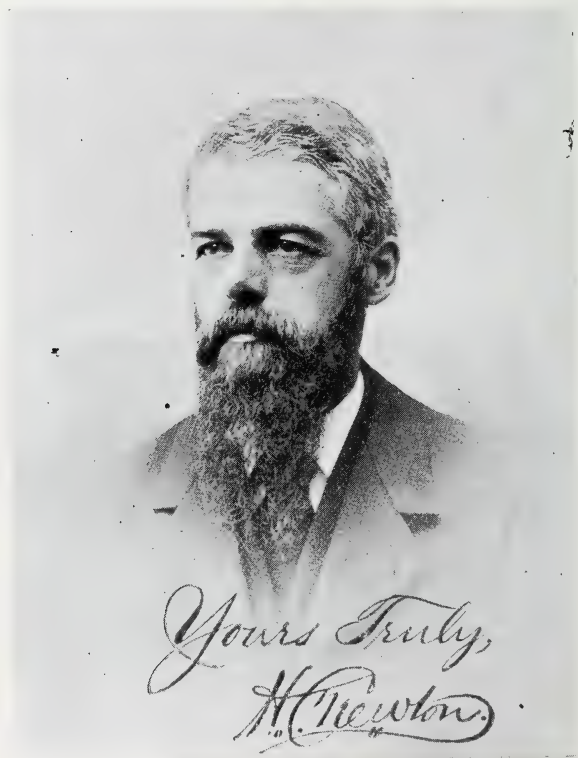
and his farm became a model one for the times. He enjoyed the good opinion of his townsmen as an honest and enterprising man. The son, Martin L.,



MARTIN L. NEWTON.

inherited the old homestead and worked hard to improve its condition, and resided there until 1869. He came to Troy, in 1870, purchasing of Ira G. Starkey the place where he afterwards resided. He was much like his father in looks and methods, being straightforward, open-hearted and industrious, attending strictly to his own business. He was considered a square man in his dealings and paid his honest debts, his financial motto being "Pay as you

go." He was just what he seemed, despising hypocrisy and false pretense. While he believed in having the comforts and necessities of life as much as possible, he



HIRAM C. NEWTON.

was opposed to extravagance, and it troubled him to see others living beyond their means for the purpose of making a show before the world. He worked upon the principle of "doing unto others as you would have others do unto you," and it is believed his record will bear no testimony of dishonesty, extravagance, duplicity or unkindness to friends or neighbors. He married, 1st, Feb. 14, 1845, Mary Ann Crombie of Hancock, and settled on the home farm in Marlborough, where

he lived until 1870, when he came to Troy. Mrs. Newton died April 12, 1847, and he married, 2d, May 14, 1848, Sarah M., daughter of Richard and Sally Strong of Dublin, born Nov. 19, 1823; he died Dec. 26, 1895.

- I. HIRAM C., born Dec. 8, 1845; unmarried. Is publisher of a monthly literary paper, the "Home Companion," which he started in April, 1872, and is a dealer in periodicals and yankee notions.
- II. JENNIE, born Sept. 3, 1855; married, Jan. 17, 1883, Fred C. Gowing of Dublin. Children: 1. *Alice Mary Gowing*, born Nov. 28, 1884; 2. *Henry Newton Gowing*, born Oct. 17, 1886; 3. *Albert Charles Gowing*, born June 2, 1889.
- III. ORA W., born July 22, 1857; married, Feb. 5, 1878, Louie E. Leaden of East Berkshire, Vt. Died May 20, 1893. Children: 1. *Warren Ord*, born Nov. 22, 1879; 2. *Walter Martin*, born 1881; 3. *Lavern Eva*, born May 26, 1889.

JOSEPH NURSE, born Jan. 26, 1724; married, Feb. 27, 1746, Sarah Walkup. It is not definitely known when they first came here, but as early as 1776, and perhaps earlier. The history of Fitzwilliam says that Mr. and Mrs. Nurse were recommended by the church in Framingham, April 21, 1776, and received by the church in Fitzwilliam, July 14, 1776. Mr. Nurse died Feb. 8, 1812, and Mrs. Nurse died Aug. 27, 1784. They had ten children, I to VI, recorded in Hopkinton, Mass., VII to IX, baptized in Framingham, X, added from the old history. Sarah, Molly and Bathsheba appear to have married and settled in Massachusetts before the remainder of the family came here.

- I. SARAH, born Feb. 11, 1747.
- II. MOLLY, born Sept. 15, 1749.
- III. JONATHAN, born Feb. 9, 1751; married Thankful —. He left town about 1790. The old history says in one place, "moved to Ohio," in another, "settled in Putney." Had children born and recorded in Fitzwilliam. Children: 1. *Nabby*, born July 15, 1782; 2. *David*, born Nov. 16, 1784; 3. *Jonathan*, born March 10, 1787; 4. *Stephen*, born Aug. 4, 1789.
- IV. BATHSHEBA, born Nov. 9, 1752.
- V. JOSEPH, born June 13, 1755; married, Feb. 24, 1785, Mary Bruce and settled in Dummerston, Vt.
- VI. HANNAH, born March 15, 1757; married, Dec. 19, 1782, Colman Sanderson. The old history says Sanders, and states that they moved to Leverett, Mass.

VII. REUBEN, baptized June 7, 1761; married Jerusha Bruce, who died March 3, 1791. He was recommended to the church in Leverett, Mass., Aug. 26, 1796, and he probably left town two or three years earlier. Had children recorded in Fitzwilliam. The 4th child was doubtless by a 2d marriage after he left the town. Children: 1. *Sally*, born Oct. 6, 1786; died March 13, 1789; 2. *William Bruce*, born Aug. 3, 1788; died May 14, 1791; 3. *Sally*, baptized Aug. 1, 1790; died April 6, 1791; 4. *Jerusha Bruce*, baptized Oct. 5, 1794.

VIII. EBENEZER, baptized June 19, 1763.

IX. KATY, baptized Dec. 28, 1766; married, April 17, 1783, Reuben Graves.

X. PRUDENCE, married — Moseman, and moved to Ohio.

EBENEZER NURSE, born June 9, 1763; married Priscilla Poor of Royalston, Mass., born Jan. 29, 1766; died April 26, 1844; lived on the home place and died Dec. 10, 1824.

I. JOSIAH, born Oct. 18, 1785; married, Feb. 6, 1811, Rhoda, daughter of Samuel and Rhoda (Johnson) Rockwood.

II. LUTHER, born July 16, 1787; married, Nov. 12, 1811, Lucy, born June 21, 1789, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Davis. Children: 1. *Eliza*, born Aug. 13, 1812; 2. *Josiah*, born Oct. 1, 1813.

III. LUCY, born June 30, 1789; married, July 3, 1810, Moses Drury of Fitzwilliam; died April 2, 1827.

IV. WILLIAM, born July 6, 1791; died Dec. 14, 1791.

V. SARAH, born Nov. 25, 1792; married Solomon Goddard.

VI. SELECTY, born March 25, 1795; married, Feb. 2, 1819, John Morse.

VII. JOSEPH, born Sept. 10, 1797; married, March 11, 1825, Nancy Starkey.

VIII. ASA, born May 9, 1801; married, 1835, Olive Cummings.

IX. JERUSHA, born Sept. 10, 1804; died 1834.

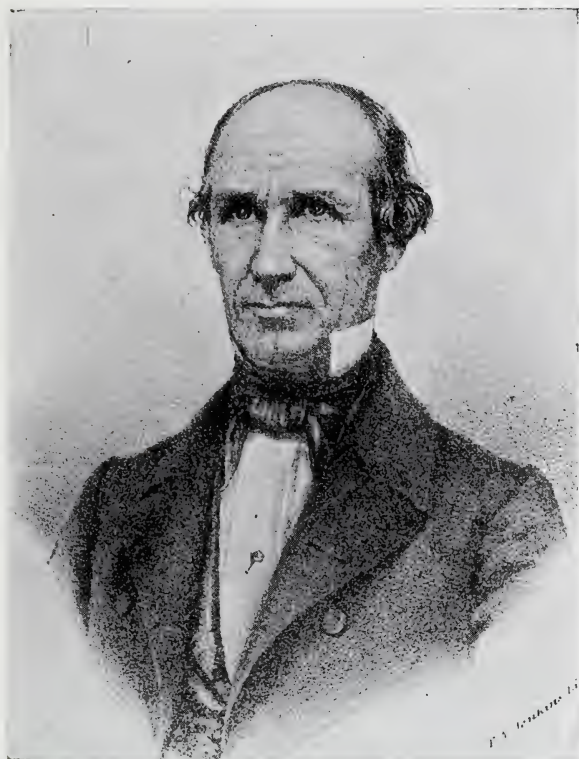
X. WILLIAM, born June 3, 1807; married, 1827, Charlotte Kimball.

XI. MARIA, (twin), born June 3, 1807; died Feb. 10, 1832, unmarried.

BROWN NURSE was born at Harvard, Mass., June 24, 1804; married Mary, daughter of Stephen Wheeler, Dec. 15, 1831. He was a descendant of Dea. David Nurse, who married Rachael Barrett of Concord, Mass., and who was a recruiting officer for the American army, in the Revolutionary war, and the captain of a company of minute men which he called out on the alarm being given that the British were at Concord; but having some twelve or fourteen miles to march, he arrived too late for action, the British having retired. The eldest son of Dea. David was



David Nurse, born Oct. 1, 1762; married, Dec. 14, 1793, Lois Brown and located in Harvard as a farmer. He was called out in the Shay's insurrection, and was offered the post of aid to the commanding officer,



BROWN NURSE.

which he declined, preferring that of the soldier. He endured some hardships on account of the severe cold, while in pursuit of Capt. Shay and his party, but came to no engagement. Brown Nurse was the fourth son of David. He came to Troy in August, 1829, stopped about ten months, taught school in District No. Three, went to Richmond in June, 1830, and engaged in trade. He resided there until November,



1835, when he came to Troy, purchasing a stock of goods of his father-in-law, and resumed trade. He was a man of ability and took a great interest in the welfare and prosperity of the town. He served the town as postmaster for nearly fourteen years, and was a representative in the Legislature in the years 1850 and 1851. He died suddenly in church at Fitchburg, Feb. 21, 1869; Mrs. Nurse died Oct. 16, 1865.

- I. MARY JANE, born Aug. 2, 1833; married Walter A. Fairbanks.

BERIAH OAKES was born in Sudbury, Mass., Jan. 28, 1797; married, Dec. 3, 1821, Polly Hayden, born July 10, 1793; died Nov. 15, 1863; his widow died Nov. 13, 1872.

- I. JOHN, born Sept. 29, 1822; died Feb. 21, 1874.  
 II. REBECCA, born March 25, 1824; married — Robbins; died July 10, 1859.  
 III. OLIVE GOODNOW, born Aug. 20, 1825.  
 IV. APPLETON, born Feb. 24, 1827.  
 V. JOEL STEARNS, born Dec. 4, 1829; died May 17, 1831.  
 VI. JOEL HAYDEN, born Aug. 5, 1831; died.  
 VII. MARY A., born Feb. 15, 1835; married Webster Corey.  
 VIII. CHARLOTTE AMANDA, born Feb. 25, 1837; married Webster Corey; died Feb. 22, 1855.

APPLETON OAKES, son of Beriah, born Feb. 24, 1827; married, Nov. 10, 1852, Lucy Jane, born —, daughter of Henry Stickney; died Aug. 24, 1874. His widow married, 2d, June 3, 1875, Stephen M. Follansbee, born in Weare, Aug. 18, 1834; died June 22, 1896.

- I. WILLIAM EDMUND, born in Fitchburg, Nov. 26, 1853; married Lizzie S. Leonard of Lawrence, Mass., Nov. 9, 1876. Children: 1. *Lizzie Gertrude*, born March 15, 1879; 2. *George Edmund*, born Nov. 28, 1883; died Nov. 28, 1887; 3. *Jennie May*, born March 6, 1886; died Dec. 5, 1887; 4. *Fred Edmund*, born Nov. 28, 1889; died Jan. 1, 1890; 5. *Lucy Jane*, born Sept. 21, 1891; died Nov. 10, 1891; 6. *Blanche G.*, born June 30, 1893.  
 II. GEORGE WEBSTER, born in Troy, April 1, 1856; married, 1st, Nov. 24, 1888, Sadie Clapp; married, 2d, May 9, 1889, Lizzie E. Tuttle of Winchester.  
 III. FREDERICK WARREN, born in Troy, Sept. 28, 1860.  
 IV. LIZZIE E., born in Marlborough, Sept. 9, 1863; married, June 26, 1884, George W. Putnam. Children: 1. *Fred Melvin Putnam*, born March 28, 1885; 2. *Lottie May Putnam*, born Aug. 12, 1888.

FREDERICK WARREN OAKES, is the son of Appleton and Lucy Jane (Stickney) Oakes, and was born in Troy, Sept. 28, 1860. When about eight years of age he was sent to Jaffrey, where he lived in the family of



REV. FREDERICK W. OAKES.

Jonathan Coburn for one and one-half years, for his board, clothes and schooling. Later he lived in the families of John Lawrence and a Mr. Ray for about six years. After this he was put to learn the blacksmiths' trade in Dublin, but one day's experience was enough. He returned to Troy, and for one year was employed in the Troy Blanket Mills, and for two years

watched the ledge in Marlborough, for the Cheshire railroad, under the direction of S. M. Follansbee. He was then about seventeen years of age, and while alone with the rocks and trees he began to hear a voice calling him to a larger sphere of life, and he once more left home for Lawrence, Mass., where he found employment with the Street Railway Company, using pick and shovel. The superintendent, seeing that this young man was determined to earn his own living soon found him a position as car driver, and in two weeks advanced him to conductor, at ten dollars per week, which seemed to him a fabulous sum. Later he entered a machine shop at North Andover, for the purpose of learning the machinists' trade. He one evening attended the Baptist church in Lawrence, where a young theological student was preaching for the summer vacation. It was then that the restlessness and real purposes of life took form, the word was spoken which enabled him to catch a glimpse of life in its reality. He united with this church, and after once passing through the uncertainty which always surrounds a new life, and getting a glimpse of its possibilities, he began to fit for college, receiving financial assistance during his first year, from a Christian lady who was desirous of helping him. He attended the Nichols Latin school, Lewiston, Me., where for four years he maintained himself by canvassing, teaching, working in the machine shop through the first vacation, and waiting on the table in the summer hotels. He graduated from the Latin school in June, 1884, and the following September entered Bates College, receiving the degree of B. A. in 1888. During his college course he worked constantly, teaching winters and in hotels in summers. During his Junior year he received first honors in oratory. His one purpose and duty seemed to be the Christian ministry, and in the fall of 1888, he entered Yale Theological Seminary, much against the wish of many friends. But the narrower views of religion were giving way to the wider knowledge. He

left the Baptist church and united with the Center Congregational church of New Haven, Conn., in 1889. He graduated from the Theological Seminary in May, 1891, receiving the degree of B. D. He soon received a pressing call to become pastor of the Congregational church at Jeffersonville, Vt., which was excepted. He remained there until September, 1892, when he accepted an urgent call to the Congregational church in Leadville, Colorado, where he remained for seven months. The dissatisfaction with church views, and unrest of mind which had been at work for some time finally led him to make a change and become a member of the Episcopal church, and he was confirmed by Right Reverend F. J. Spalding, Bishop of Colorado, and was placed rector in charge of All Saints church in Denver. And here he seemed to find his real place of usefulness. As rector of the church, he within two years relieved it from a debt of ten thousand dollars, trippled its membership, and placed the church on a strong basis spiritually and financially. Denver being the Mecca for consumptives, where there are thirty thousand seeking health, and many of them without friends and with limited means, made it seem that a great opportunity was there opened for a place where such persons could have the general comforts of home, at an expense within their limited means and still not be a charity; and after much thought and care, Mr. and Mrs. Oakes decided to take measures for the building of a Christian home where men and women needing the refinements of life might secure them. So with this end in view he has been successful in equipping and giving to the world the largest and most beautiful philanthropic work of America. This noble work was made possible by the wealth of such people as the Vanderbilts, Auchmutys, Sloans, Lows, Jessups, and Hoffmans of New York, and others, who contributed the necessary funds for the successful completion of the enterprise, and who entrusted \$150,000 to Mr. Oakes with which to do the work for others. "The Home" comprises



three buildings: St. Andrews House for men, Grace House for mother and son or husband and wife, and the Emily House for women, covering an entire block of land and connected by a glass-covered porch. There is a music room, a library containing two thousand volumes, a well equipped gymnasium, with bath rooms, lavatories and closets in abundance. "The Home" is situated about fifteen minutes' ride by three car lines from the Denver postoffice, and is so situated that one gets a commanding view of the entire city, the plains for hundreds of miles and the Rockies for one hundred and fifty miles. "The Home" is a Christian home under the direct ownership and management of the Episcopal Church of Colorado, but seeks to draw lines only at unworthiness of character. Mr. Oakes is superintendent and has built a residence and intends to make Denver his permanent home. He married, June 16, 1891, Mabel Underhill, of Yonkers, N. Y.

- I. FREDERICK WARREN, born July 2, 1892.
- II. ELIZABETH BIDDLE, born May 16, 1894.

LUKE PARKHURST, born Dec. 25, 1806; married, 1831, Laurana F. Priest, born April 2, 1811. Mrs. Parkhurst died Oct. 13, 1852. Mr. Parkhurst died August, 1872.

- I. DANIEL J., born Sept. 1, 1832; died April 8, 1883.
- II. JOSIAH, born March 24, 1834.
- III. NANCY M., born Jan. 16, 1836.
- IV. LUTHER C., born Feb. 21, 1839.
- V. LAURA A., born May 10, 1841.
- VI. MARTHA J., born Sept. 17, 1843.
- VII. LUKE, born Aug. 9, 1845; married, 1st, April 20, 1872, Luella E. Roundy, who died Jan. 30, 1873; and he married, 2d, May 5, 1875, Ella H., daughter of Algernon S. Butler.
- VIII. ELMIRA, born Aug. 9, 1847.

MOSES S. PERKINS, son of Moses, married, Nov. 15, 1820, Cosby, daughter of Abraham Coolidge, and located on the Edmund Bemis farm, where he lived until 1850, when he removed to Jaffrey, where he died Feb. 27, 1875.

- I. SARAH, born Sept. 7, 1822; married, Sept. 12, 1848, Merrill P. Farrar of Romeo, Mich.; died Jan. 19, 1854.
- II. PHEBE, born Nov. 17, 1824; married, Nov. 2, 1847, James L. Bolster.



- III. HART, born Sept. 26, 1828; married, July 25, 1854, Phebe P. Flowers.
- IV. CHARLES, born Oct. 27, 1833; married Sarah R. Eveleth.
- V. DORCAS, born June 24, 1835; married, July 24, 1855, James S. Lacy.
- VI. COZBIE, born June 28, 1838; married John V. Tenney.
- VII. MARY, born May 24, 1840; married Fred W. Bailey; died Dec. 8, 1867.

NATHANIEL PARKER married, 1st, Nov. 27, 1834, Eliza, daughter of Zopher Whitcomb, and located on the Ward place, which he purchased of Col. D. W. Farrar. Mrs. Parker died June 4, 1854, and he married, 2d, 1849, Nancy, sister of his former wife. He died Oct. 30, 1857, aged fifty-one years. His widow died Sept. 6, 1882. He was an honest, upright man and an excellent citizen.



NATHANIEL PARKER.

- I. HAMILTON, born Feb. 2, 1836.
- II. MINERVA, born Aug. 4, 1838; died June 4, 1854.
- III. ELLEN, born Dec. 24, 1846; married Oliver P. Whitcomb.

HAMILTON PARKER, son of Nathaniel, born Feb. 2,

1836; married, December, 1857, Eunice A., daughter of Caleb and Polly (White) Sweetser, born May 7, 1835; died June 20, 1886.

- I. WILFORD E., born April 8, 1860; married, April 6, 1886, Hattie J. Collins of Keene. One child, *Arthur Hamilton*, born March 11, 1887.

BENJAMIN F. PIPER, born in Jaffrey, Nov. 27, 1847; married, Oct. 4, 1870, Georgianna Shannon of Moultonborough, born Jan. 1, 1850; died March 7, 1895.

- I. GEORGE L., born Sept. 13, 1874; married, Oct. 16, 1895, Mary Carpenter. One child, *Anna Elizabeth*, born Nov. 18, 1896.

- II. EVERETT EDWIN, born Aug. 18, 1877.
- III. WINIFRED, born June 22, 1880.
- IV. ANNA VIOLA, born Nov. 13, 1881; died Oct. 13, 1883.

ASA PORTER was the sixth child of Asa and Eunice W. Porter of Marlborough, born July 5, 1788; married Sybil Osborne of Troy, and settled in Weathersfield, Vt., where he resided until he came to Troy in 1832, when he purchased the mills formerly owned by Silas Wheeler. The following year he sold his real estate to Joseph M. Forristall and moved to Marlborough. He soon afterwards returned and resided one year on the Flint place, two years on the Daniel Starkey farm, and then moved to Waltham, Mass., where he resided ten years; in 1855 he went to Oregon, where he died.

- I. HENRY A., born Oct. 12, 1817.
- II. LEONARD W., born Sept. 14, 1820; married Mary Howard of Hopkinton, Mass.; removed to Boston.
- III. ALMIRA, born Jan. 1, 1823; married Luke Bemis of Waltham, Mass.
- IV. LORINDA, born Dec. 25, 1828; married Amos W. Buttrick of Winchendon.
- V. LOUISA, born March 14, 1831; married Oliver Smith of Winchendon.

HENRY A. PORTER, son of Asa, born Oct. 12, 1817; married, April 7, 1842, Czarina, daughter of Joseph M. Forristall, and located in Waltham, and later in Boston. He came to Troy in 1853 and purchased a farm of Isaac Stowell, the one now owned by Fred Whitcomb, and resided there until 1862 or 1863, when he left town. He was a successful farmer, and served several years as one of the selectmen; resides in Ayer, Mass.

- I. HENRIETTA J., born Nov. 2, 1850.
- II. CHARLES HENRY, born Oct. 17, 1855.

NOAH PORTER, son of Joel of Marlborough, born July 6, 1794; married, March 5, 1820, Abigail Hobert of Groton, Mass., born Aug. 17, 1797. He lived in Jaffrey and Marlborough, where his wife died July 30, 1875. He then came to Troy, where he died Dec. 10, 1880.

- I. LORINDA H., born Dec. 29, 1820; married Jonathan Page of Jaffrey.
- II. ROANCY A., born in Jaffrey, July 16, 1822; married, 1st, Joseph J. Piper; married, 2d, Abel J. Burpee.

- III. SARAH L., born in Jaffrey, Sept. 15, 1824; married, 1st, William Ward; married, 2d, Alvan W. Lewis of Leominster, Mass.
- IV. CHARLES W., born in Marlborough, March 26, 1826; married Sabra Wheeler of Acworth.
- V. CATHERINE H., born in Marlborough, Feb. 4, 1828; married, 1st, Josiah Newell of Jaffrey; married, 2d, I. Wheeler of Acworth.
- VI. GEORGE W., born in Marlborough, Dec. 29, 1829; married Elizabeth Wheeler of Acworth.
- VII. HARRIET W., born in Marlborough, July 9, 1833; married Asa C. Hemenway.
- VIII. FRANCIS J., born in Marlborough, Feb. 10, 1836; married Ellen Higgins of Hinsdale; died Oct. 27, 1862.
- IX. ELIZA A., born in Marlborough, May 20, 1840; died Nov. 23, 1856.

JEDEDIAH PUTNEY was born in Ashfield, Mass., 1777; married, 1st, June 3, 1801, Abigail, daughter of Jonas and Abigail (Maynard) Knights, born Aug. 26, 1776; died Sept. 8, 1832; married, 2d, Jan. 24, 1833, Mrs. Hannah, widow of Martin Rockwood, and daughter of Jacob and Mercy (Totman) Woodward of Marlborough. Settled in Fitzwilliam about 1808, and came to Troy in 1837, buying the Calvin Starkey farm, where he resided seven years, and in 1844 bought a farm of Horatio Lawrence. He died Feb. 21, 1861, and Mrs. Putney died Sept. 16, 1880.

- I. JONAS K., married Phebe Flagg.
- II. JOSEPH M., married, April 23, 1829, Mary, born Jan. 14, 1809, daughter of Nathan and Polly (Davidson) Winch. No record of children but a daughter. One child, *Susan M.*, died in Troy, Feb. 24, 1851, aged 4 years.
- III. LEONARD, married — Woodworth.
- IV. MANASSEH, born Jan. 30, 1808.
- V. NATHAN, born April 28, 1810; died May 16, 1891, unmarried.
- VI. MOSES, born May 12, 1812; married, Feb. 17, 1841, Mary, born May 25, 1808, daughter of Moses and Patty (Banks) Pratt of Marlborough.
- VII. NAHUM, born June 3, 1815; married Julia Chase; died June 12, 1863, in Algiers, La.; resides in Richmond.
- VIII. SEWELL, born Feb. 1, 1817.
- IX. SUSAN, died June 14, 1820, aged 1 year, 6 months.
- X. CHARLES.

GEORGE N. PARMENTER, son of Warren and Sally (Haines) Parmenter was born in Sudbury, Mass., June 4, 1844;

married, April 5, 1873, Ellen M., daughter of Reuben and Melinda A. (Lane) Morse; died May 5, 1895.

I. GEORGE LIVINGSTON, born July 21, 1883.

ORREN H. PECK, born in Weston, Vt., Feb. 14, 1833; married, 1st, June 6, 1861, Hattie A. Cheney, born in Chesterfield, March 16, 1844; married, 2d, March 16, 1880, Mrs. Mary L. Clark, widow of Geo. W. Clark, born Dec. 25, 1838. Children, by 1st marriage.

I. ETTA C., born in Richmond, March 11, 1863; married Warren N. Clark.

II. WILLIAM C., born in Swanzey, Sept. 1, 1865; married, June 11, 1892, Addie M., daughter of Barton and Jenettie C. (Stone) Grant of Fitzwilliam.

III. ARTEMAS O., born in Troy, Feb. 22, 1868; married, June 2, 1885, Annie L., daughter of George W. and Mary F. (Briggs) Clark. Children: 1. *Ethel*, born Dec. 31, 1886; 2. *Irwin Herbert*, born Feb. 24, 1889; 3. *Bessie Miriam*, born Nov. 22, 1891; died Aug. 29, 1892; 4. *Ernest Daniel*, born Jan. 26, 1893; 5. *Merton*, born Sept. 24, 1894; died Aug. 12, 1895; 6. *Gordon Benjamin*, born Nov. 2, 1895; 7. *Lyman Judson*, born Nov. 27, 1896.

JOSEPH J. PIPER, born Aug. 31, 1818; married, April 12, 1842, Ronancy A., daughter of Noah Porter; died Oct. 5, 1857. His widow married Abel J. Burpee. Children born, I, in Troy, II to V, in Jaffrey, VI to VII, in Marlborough, VIII, in Swanzey.

I. ABBY J., born Oct. 9, 1842; died March 27, 1846.

II. ELOESA S., born Nov. 24, 1844; married, June 5, 1867, Cornelius P. Harding; died Jan. 6, 1876.

III. GEORGE W., born March 28, 1846; married, Jan. 25, 1879, Lizzie S. Smith.

IV. CHARLES O., born Dec. 2, 1847; died April 6, 1850.

V. EMMA J., born Aug. 23, 1850; married, June 27, 1872, Charles Shumway.

VI. WILLIE O., born Nov. 21, 1852; married, July 1, 1874, Hester Pollard.

VII. CHARLES L., born Aug. 10, 1854; married, July, 1874, Kate Morrison.

VIII. FRED F., born Feb. 21, 1859.

ALBERT PRATT, adopted son of Moses Pratt, was born in Marlborough, July 20, 1830; married, April 30, 1861, Nancy W., daughter of John W. and Nancy B. (Foster) Wheeler. Mr. Pratt was for many years a respected citizen of Troy, and is still living in North Dana, Mass.,

with his daughter. Mrs. Pratt died May 13, 1875. Children born in Troy.

- I. FANNIE M., born Sept. 20, 1865; married, Jan. 23, 1889, Willie A. Towne; resides in North Dana, Mass.
- II. EDITH M., born 1869; died July 9, 1871.
- III. A son, born and died Dec. 18, 1873.

ABRAHAM RANDALL, born Nov. 24, 1731; married Sarah Lyon; died 1804. Lived in the western part of the town a few years and then removed to Swanzev.

- I. FREELove, born Jan. 11, 1754; married Jonathan Wheeler.
- II. MARY, born Oct. 22, 1756; married Ananias Aldrich.
- III. REUBEN, born Jan. 27, 1760.
- IV. LEVI, born Dec. 22, 1761; married Huldah Newell of Richmond; died July 3, 1843.
- V. WAIT, born April 10, 1763.
- VI. SARAH, born Aug. 20, 1765; married David Twitchell.
- VII. RUFUS, born Dec. 5, 1768.
- VIII. ASAH, born April 30, 1770; married Damaris Whitcomb.
- IX. STEPHEN, born Feb. 15, 1774; married Esther Hammond.
- X. ABRAHAM, born Oct. 7, 1778.
- XI. WILLIAM, born Sept. 26, 1780; married, 1st, Sarah Parmenter; married, 2d, Mrs. Mahala Kelton; died April 11, 1859.

LEVI RANDALL, son of Abraham, born Dec. 22, 1761; married Huldah, daughter of Joseph Newell, 1st, of Richmond; died July 3, 1843. He was the first person to locate on the farm occupied by Luther Whittemore, and after living there some years he sold out and went to Richmond.

- I. MARY, born Jan. 3, 1793.
- II. BENJAMIN, born July 28, 1794.
- III. JOSEPH, born Aug. 24, 1796.
- IV. LEVI, born Aug. 31, 1798.
- V. HULDAH, born Aug. 31, 1798.
- VI. ABRAHAM, born Aug. 16, 1800; died Sept. 29, 1873.
- VII. LUCY, born July 15, 1802; died April 12, 1803.
- VIII. REUBEN, born July 15, 1804; died July 8, 1818.
- IX. ELISHA, born Aug. 2, 1806; died Nov. 10, 1809.
- X. STEPHEN, born March 9, 1808.
- XI. LYMAN, born April 17, 1810.
- XII. JONAS, born Nov. 14, 1811.
- XIII. JOHN, born April 15, 1814.
- XIV. SILENCE, born April 18, 1816; married Edson Starkey of Richmond.
- XV. DAVID, born Feb. 14, 1819.



WALTER G. RANDALL, son of George W., born in Richmond, Aug. 20, 1856; married, Sept. 24, 1885, Annie F., daughter of John Lahiff of Keene, born Jan. 7, 1865. He has been employed for several years in the spinning department of Troy Blanket Mills. During 1894, he purchased of J. W. Raymond a lot on the muster field and erected a house where he now resides. George W. Randall was the son of Willard Randall, born Sept. 6, 1830; married, Oct. 18, 1854, Hannah, daughter of Nicholas Cook; died in Richmond.

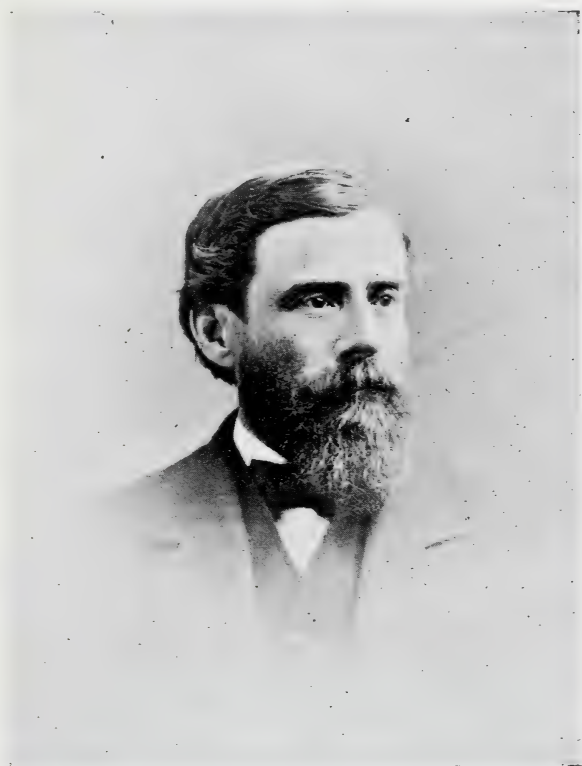
- I. DON WALTER, born in Gardner, Jan. 18, 1888.
- II. RALPH ALDRICH, born Nov. 20, 1889.
- III. DORIS IMOGENE, born Feb. 9, 1895; died Aug. 18, 1895.
- IV. FRED A. GRACE, born June 26, 1896.

NELSON W. RICE, son of Luke, of Winchendon, born April, 1840; married, June 5, 1867, Jennie M. Brooks, born Feb. 17, 1852. Came to Troy in — and purchased the farm on West Hill, where he now resides.

- I. CHLOE ELIZA, born Dec. 14, 1870; married John F. Hale.
- II. ELLA JANE, born Nov. 6, 1874; died July 17, 1880.

BARRETT RIPLEY was the son of Franklin and Charlotte (Barrett) Ripley of Greenfield, Mass., where he was born Sept. 26, 1827. He was educated in Greenfield and vicinity, and when a young man he went to Springfield, Mass., where he was employed in the hardware store of Homer Foote & Co. He went to Keene about 1850, and became a member of the firm of Elliot & Ripley, hardware dealers, where he remained in business until 1864 or 1865, when he sold out. Mr. Ripley then went to Waterbury, Conn., for a year, where he held a position in a manufactory. He became a resident of Troy in November, 1865, when he purchased, in company with John Henry Elliot and others of Keene, the blanket business of Thomas Goodall, now known as the Troy Blanket Mills, of which he was superintendent until a short time before his death. He resided in Troy for ten years, when he moved to Keene, where he became a prominent citizen and business man. He was a director in the Cheshire National

Bank for several years, taking a prominent part in the management of its affairs. He also served as one of the trustees of the Cheshire Provident Institution, being also a member of the board of investment. He



BARRETT RIPLEY.

had the reputation of being a successful business manager, and his counsel and advice were sought and valued by his associates, fellow citizens and employees. He married, Sept. 2, 1852, Mary Colton, born in Springfield, Mass., Jan. 6, 1832, daughter of Zimri and Sophia (Van Horn) Richmond. Mr. Ripley resided where Mrs. C. W. Brown now lives, but removed to Keene in November, 1875; he died Jan. 10, 1888.

- I. FRANKLIN, born Oct. 12, 1853.
- II. MARTHA BARRETT, born March 16, 1856; married Francis C. Faulkner.
- III. MARY RICHMOND, born May 22, 1858.
- IV. HARRIET BUCKMINSTER, born Aug. 6, 1860.
- V. SOPHIA VAN HORN, born Dec. 23, 1862; died Dec. 11, 1865.
- VI. JOHN BARRETT, born July 4, 1868; died Jan. 28, 1874.
- VII. LOUISA ALLEN, born Jan. 20, 1875; died May 4, 1876.

FRANKLIN RIPLEY, son of Barrett, born Oct. 12, 1853; married, Sept. 8, 1880, Clara I., born June 26, 1854,



FRANKLIN RIPLEY.

daughter of Charles and Elizabeth E. (Richardson) Keyes of Keene. He graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, in 1872, and from Amherst College in 1876.

After graduating he entered the employ of Troy Blanket Mills as bookkeeper, serving in that capacity and as assistant to his father until 1888, when he was appointed superintendent, which position he has held until the present time. He has been a member of the Board of Education for several years. Has served as one of the firewards for a number of years, and also as moderator. In 1881, purchased of Moses E. Wright, the place where he now resides.

- I. JOHN BARRETT, born Sept. 13, 1881.
- II. FRANKLIN, born Dec. 5, 1882.
- III. ELIZABETH, born Feb. 16, 1884.
- IV. MARY SOPHIA, born June 23, 1886.
- V. GEORGE, born May 8, 1893.

COL. RICHARD ROBERTS was from Bolton, Mass. He married, Feb. 9, 1765, Sybil Goodenough, born May 31, 1747. He died in his chaise, Sept. 10, 1801, while returning from Keene.

- I. ZILPHA —; married Col. Joseph Frost of Marlborough; died April 5, 1822.
- II. PHEBE, born April 25, 1772; married, 1st, 1789, Benjamin Frost of Marlborough; he died and she married, 2d, Jan. 4, 1803, Henry Morse of Swansey; died April 28, 1835.
- III. LUCINDA, born Dec. 4, 1776; married, March 7, 1796, Thomas Binney of Westminster, Vt.
- IV. An infant son, who died in 1777.

JONAS ROBINSON, or Robeson as the name was first written, was a native of Lexington, Mass. He married, 1st, Sept. 3, 1796, Betsey, born July 10, 1777; died March 2, 1807, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Kendall) Ward; married, 2d, 1815, Susan Bellows of Walpole, who survived him. He died Aug. 24, 1819, aged 49 years.

- I. ELIZA ANN, born April 27, 1798; married, Dec. 7, 1820, Dr. Thomas Wells of Columbia, S. C., and died there.
- II. JONAS, born May 10, 1800; married Miss Farrell of Maine; resides in Louisiana.
- III. MARIA, born Nov. 23, 1802; married D. P. Clark of New York; removed to New Milford, Ct., where she died.
- IV. JOHN WARD, born Jan. 30, 1805; was a physician; died in South Carolina, aged twenty-two years.
- V. MARY ANN LOUISA, born April 22, 1816; died March 28, 1822.

- VI. ABEL BELLOWES, born April 10, 1817; married Susan Taylor of New Haven, Ct. He was a physician in New York City. He died in 1855; she died in 1857.

JOHN ROGERS was born in Westboro, Mass., Nov. 13, 1747; married, 1769, Esther Ball, born in Grafton, Mass., Dec. 9, 1745. His descendants claim that he was the twelfth generation from John Rogers, the martyr, who was burned at the stake in Smithfield, England. He was a settler here probably before 1773. His wife died Dec. 13, 1811, and he then went to reside with his son-in-law, Capt. Shubael Stone, where he died June 4, 1827. He is represented as being a strong, active man, and withal a great hunter, spending a large proportion of his time in pursuit of game.

- I. POLLY, born Jan. 31, 1770; married Shubael Stone.
- II. JOHN, born April 1, 1772; died May 18, 1796.
- III. ELI, born April 25, 1774; died in Watertown, N. Y., in 1817.
- IV. THOMAS, born June 15, 1776; died Nov. 17, 1778.
- V. JOSIAH, born Aug. 22, 1778; removed to Scio, N. Y.
- VI. ESTHER, born Aug. 12, 1780; married Ephraim Keyes; removed to Ohio.
- VII. ELIZABETH, born Nov. 26, 1782; married, Aug. 17, 1800, George Goodenough; removed to Pisa, N. Y.
- VIII. ABIJAH, born March 9, 1785.
- IX. SALLY, born March 12, 1789; married Silas Coffin; removed to Rindge.

JOSIAH RUFFLE, born Oct. 14, 1842; married, Jan. 8, 1868, Mrs. Pauline Buckwold, born in 1840. Mr. Ruffle has been employed as teamster for Troy Blanket Mills several years and a few years since purchased a lot and erected his present residence.

- I. EDWARD SAMUEL, born Dec. 15, 1877.

LOVELL RUGG became a resident of Troy in 1845, when he purchased a part of the Samuel Farrar farm of—Howard, the place afterward owned by Willard White. He had previously lived in Royalston from which place he removed to Fitzwilliam in 1842. He married Mary Bradley.

- I. ALBERT WILLIAMS, born June 22, 1837.
- II. JANE ADELIA, born Aug. 1, 1841.
- III. LAURA MARIA, born May 19, 1843.
- IV. MARTHA ELIZA, born Feb. 22, 1845.



- V. GEORGE N., born July 29, 1846.
- VI. MARGARET B., born May 19, 1848.
- VII. MARY ANN, born March 11, 1854.
- VIII. WRIGHT L., born Aug. 3, 1855.
- IX. CHLOE AUGUSTA, born July 25 and died Oct. 21, 1857.

EDWARD RUSSELL was born in Dunkirk, Scotland, 1831; married Ann Conboy, who was born in Sligo, Ireland, 1841. He died in Troy, Dec. 15, 1867. His widow married, 2d, Daniel Casey.

- I. GEORGE PERRY, born in Otis, Mass., Feb. 11, 1862.
- II. EDWARD JONES, born in Troy, April 22, 1867; died at Asheville, N. C., April 15, 1897.

DAVID SAUNDERS, from Billerica, Mass., came to this region probably in the fall of 1780; married Molly Livingstone, who died June 25, 1822, aged seventy-one years. He died June 19, 1823, aged seventy-seven years.

- I. CHARLES, married, Dec. 22, 1796, Sally, daughter of Silas and Elizabeth Angier of Fitzwilliam.
- II. ISAAC.
- III. EZRA, married Polly, daughter of Abijah and Mary Stowell.
- IV. POLLY, married, Feb. 24, 1799, Amos Locke.
- V. SARAH, baptized June 24, 1781; married, Jan. 26, 1801, Luther Knight.
- VI. JOSHUA, born June 30, 1782; died March 4, 1790.
- VII. JOHN, born Aug. 11, 1784; married, Jan. 26, 1807, Mary, daughter of Nahum and Mary (Taylor) Howe.
- VIII. JESSE, born June 1, 1786.
- IX. LEVI, born Aug. 23, 1789.
- X. LOVINA, born Aug. 23, 1789 (twin); married, Jan. 19, 1807, Jesse Livingstone of Unity, N. H., who died, and she married, 2d, Elisha Drury.
- XI. JOSHUA, born Nov. 1, 1792; died Nov. 13, 1792.
- XII. JOSEPH, born Jan. 30, 1794.

EBENEZER SAUNDERS, a brother of the preceding, was born in Billerica, Jan. 11, 1754, and came to this region about 1789, and located on the farm afterwards owned by Luna Starkey. He lived here until 1813, when he removed to Fitzwilliam. He died in Fitzwilliam, Dec. 7, 1834. Married, Feb. 10, 1786, Martha, daughter of Elezeaz Stickney of Billerica, who died Oct. 29, 1853.

- I. EBENEZER, born Dec. 10, 1786.
- II. ASA, born July 4, 1788; died February, 1854, in Moline, Ills.
- III. ANNA, born May 23, 1790; married, Feb. 8, 1810, Silas Ballou.

- IV. HOSEA, born March 9, 1792; died August, 1795.
- V. JOSHUA STICKNEY, born March 9, 1794; died in 1795.
- VI. ROXANA, born in 1796; died in 1799.
- VII. ELISHA, born in 1798; died Nov. 10, 1800.
- VIII. JOEL, born March 14, 1801; married Mary Bigelow; died March 5, 1870; resided in Keene.
- IX. FANNY, born Sept. 15, 1803.
- X. JEREMY S., born July 18, 1805; died Aug. 11, 1834.
- XI. ARUNAH ALLEN, born Sept. 9, 1809.

ICHABOD SHAW, a brother of Jonathan Shaw, settled a little northeast of the village, on the road to West Hill. He resided here with his family till 1797, when he sold his farm and removed to Vermont.

- I. ZILPAH, born March 2, 1775; married, Aug. 24, 1797, Thomas Bruce of Fitzwilliam.
- II. NANCY, born April 12, 1777.
- III. SALLY, born Oct. 15, 1799.
- IV. DANIEL, born April 20, 1781.
- V. BENJAMIN, born Nov. 2, 1783.

AMOS SIBLEY, born Oct. 19, 1783; married Prudence Harward, who was born July 27, 1793. He was a scythe-maker and learned his trade of his brother in Athol, where he married and settled. Soon after he left Athol, and after residing a short time at Oxford, Sutton and Dudley, successively, he came to Troy in 1816, and bought the scythe shop built by Aldrich and Barnard, and which was located near C. D. Farrar's pail shop, and commenced the making of scythes. In 1826, he built a new shop in which he carried on business until 1844. At the time he commenced scythe-making here, it was considered a good day's work for one man to make six scythes, and these were worth ten dollars per dozen, but when he closed, by the improvements in machinery, one man could make nine quite as easily in the same time, but they were worth only seven dollars and a half per dozen. Mr. Sibley lived in a small house near the shop till 1832, when he built the large house afterward owned by Elliot Whitcomb, now by Charles Goldthwait. In 1856, he sold his scythe shop to Whitcomb and Forristall, who converted it into a pail shop. The next year Capt. Sibley sold his house

to Elliot Whitcomb and moved to the village into a house which he bought of John J. Wrisley. He died Nov. 22, 1863.

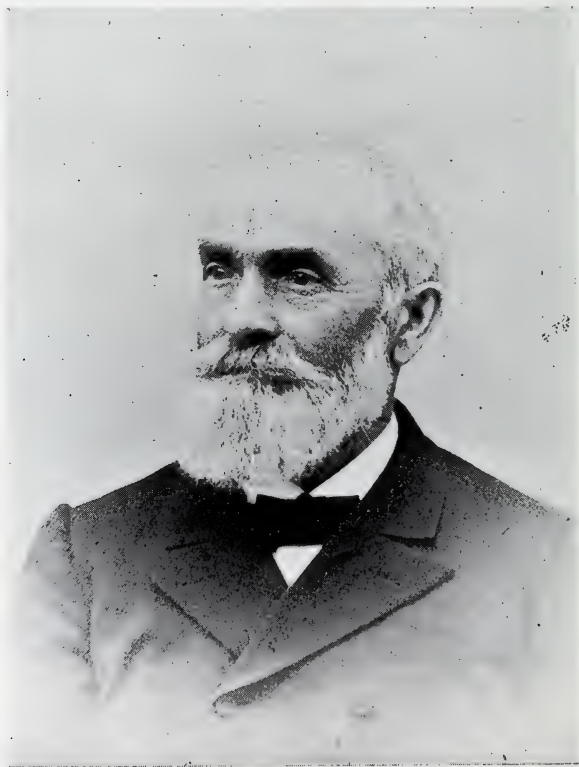


AMOS SIBLEY.

- I. WILLARD, born Sept. 29, 1810; died March 28, 1812.
- II. LUCY, born May 6, 1812; died Feb. 2, 1832.
- III. HARRINGTON, born June 4, 1814.
- IV. ABIGAIL, born Feb. 3, 1818; married, Feb. 5, 1839, Benjamin M. Stanley.
- V. EMILY, born March 13, 1820; married, Oct. 1, 1840, George A. Kendall.
- VI. ELVIRA, born March 19, 1822.
- VII. AMOS W., born Nov. 13, 1824; died June 8, 1826.
- VIII. CAROLINE M., born Sept. 3, 1827; married, September, 1845, Edwin M. Mann, who was drowned April 29, 1846.

- IX. AMOS W., born April 13, 1831; died Sept. 22, 1849.  
X. DELANO H., born June 22, 1834; married, Dec. 23, 1857, Martha L. Garfield; died March 4, 1897. Killed by gas explosion in Boston. One child, *Leonora*, born July 1, 1860.  
XI. GIDEON, born Sept. 3, 1839.

HARRINGTON SIBLEY is the son of Amos Sibley and was born in Troy, June 4, 1814. He married Maria R.



HARRINGTON SIBLEY.

Buttrick, a sister of Edwin Buttrick, Feb. 16, 1837, and has been a resident and influential citizen of Fitchburg, Mass., for a good many years. His father was a scythe-maker, and he learned the business in the old shop at the North end, now owned by Troy Blanket Mills. After he settled in Fitchburg, he carried on the

business of scythe-making at West Fitchburg for a time, but later became connected with the firm of Heywood, Wilson & Co., in the foundry and machine business, and is at the present time the oldest surviving partner. He has held numerous offices of trust and responsibility, and when once chosen has been continuously reëlected. Fitchburg was made a city in 1873, and he was elected a member of its first Common Council, and again chosen in 1875. He served on the Board of Aldermen in 1877, 1878 and 1879. He was elected a director of the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank in 1878, and a director of the Wachusett National Bank in 1879, both of which offices he holds at the present time, having been reëlected each year since the first. He is one of the trustees of the Burbank Hospital, a position which he has held for several years. He is a member of the First Universalist Society of Fitchburg, in which he has held various offices at different times.

- I. FRED H., born Jan. 16, 1838; married, Sept. 27, 1862, Florence F. Smith; died Aug. 17, 1863.
- II. MARTHA M., born Sept. 17, 1839; married, Nov. 26, 1857, Clark S. Simonds, who died Sept. 17, 1862. Children: 1. *Maria B. Simonds*, born June 20, 1859; 2. *Louise S. Simonds*, born Oct. 7, 1861; died Sept. 20, 1863.
- III. MARY P., born June 20, 1842; married, June 14, 1866, William G. Silsby; died Jan. 16, 1871.
- IV. AMOS W., born Sept. 6, 1851; died Sept. 8, 1853.

STEPHEN F. SILCOX, born in England, March 25, 1847; married, Oct. 19, 1872, Ellen, daughter of Samuel Mortimer.

- I. EDITH, born Feb. 4, 1874; died Nov. 30, 1876.
- II. FLORENCE HALLETT, born Aug. 6, 1876.
- III. GRACE ELOISE, born Oct. 5, 1886; died Aug. 19, 1891.

FISHER SILSBY, born in Acworth, March 21, 1805; married, Oct. 13, 1835, Drusilla F. McKean, born in Salem, Mass., Jan. 7, 1811; died in Troy, June 6, 1888. Mr. Silsby came to Troy from Langdon, N. H., in the spring of 1857 and commenced work in the tannery of Francis Foster. He continued to be employed in the tannery until feeble health compelled him to give it up.



Francis Foster sold out to Leonard Wright, and he to Putnam & Phelps of Leominster, Mass. His sons,



FISHER SILSBY.

William G. and Robert M., bought the tannery in the spring of 1869. Children all born in Langdon. Mr. Silsby died in Rochester, N. Y., May 26, 1891.

- I. WILLIAM GILSON, born May 11, 1838; married, 1st, June 14, 1866, Mary Prudence, daughter of Harrington and Maria K. Sibley; she died Jan. 16, 1871; and he married, 2d, March 12, 1874, Ada J., born in Charlestown, N. H., Oct. 12, 1846, daughter of David W. and Jane Parks. Children: 1. *Nellie Mary*, born Aug. 24, 1868; 2. *Bertha McKean*, born July 7, 1875.
- II. DAVID B., born Oct. 3, 1841; married, May 30, 1865, Frances M. French, who was born May 16, 1842. Is a salesman; resides in Fitchburg, Mass. One child, *Florence L.*, born Aug. 2, 1877.

III. ROBERT M., born April 24, 1844; married, Oct. 29, 1868, Melissa S. Bucklin, born in Grafton, N. H., Dec. 7, 1850; resides in Rochester, N. Y. One child: *Rae Blanche*, adopted daughter, born Jan. 11, 1878.

IV. CHARLES M., born Jan. 16, 1849; died Jan. 11, 1879.

OLIVER W. SMITH, son of Royal T., was born Dec. 25, 1831; married, 1st, July 13, 1853, Eunice, born Oct. 29, 1831; died May 7, 1861, daughter of Levi and Nancy Ann (Byam) Harris; married, 2d, Feb. 14, 1862, Hannah, born June 12, 1838, a sister of his former wife.

I. ABEL H., born Aug. 11, 1854; married, May 27, 1878, Alice M., born Feb. 2, 1859, daughter of Elisha and Sarah (Richardson) Bolles of Richmond.

II. LESLIE E., born June 8, 1857; married, Feb. 11, 1879, Ada M., born July 21, 1862; died June 4, 1884, daughter of Nathan and Rosetta (Whitcomb) Smith of Rindge.

III. SIDNEY E., born April 7, 1861; married, Nov. 2, 1885, Etta E., born Oct. 28, 1867, daughter of George B. and Eliza Jane (Bolles) Handy of Richmond. Children: 1. *Carrie Louise*, born May 9, 1886; 2. *Walter Arlon*, born June 22, 1887; 3. *Eva May*, born Feb. 7, 1892; 4. *Flossie Geneva*, born Nov. 19, 1893; 5. *Royal Truman*, born May 29, 1896.

IV. EUNICE H., born April 26, 1868; married, Jan. 17, 1887, George T. Lovewell. Children: 1. *Mary A. Lovewell*, born July 19, 1890; died Dec. 10, 1890; 2. *Henrietta F. Lovewell*, born Dec. 16, 1891; 3. *Ralph H. Lovewell*, born Nov. 18, 1895; died Feb. 8, 1896.

V. IDA L., born Dec. 17, 1869; married George F. Maddox.

VI. HERBERT O., born June 5, 1871.

VII. CHARLES S., born May 20, 1877; died June 18, 1893.

VIII. ELWIN, born Dec. 18, 1879.

IX. EDWIN, born Dec. 18, 1879.

X. NELLIE, born April 10, 1883.

ERI J. SPAULDING, son of Abel Spaulding, born in Jaffrey, Oct. 17, 1821; married, 1st, Sept. 3, 1844, Betsey F., daughter of Aaron and Dorothy (Howe) Holt, who died Aug. 8, 1847; married, 2d, May 14, 1848, Lucy Ann, daughter of Capt. John Jones of Dublin, who died Feb. 14, 1861; married, 3d, Jan. 22, 1868, Maria R. Ellis of Springfield, Vt. Mr. Spaulding became a citizen of Troy in March, 1841, and was employed in Charles Coolidge's pail shop for two years. He then bought the pottery of Capt. Solomon Goddard and

was engaged in the manufacture of earthen ware for five years. He resided in the house with his brother, Erastus, a short time, afterwards occupied the Winch house, and in 1850 built the house now owned by H. W. Hutt, which he occupied for several years, until he purchased the Harrington farm, upon which he resided until his death. He was a carpenter by trade and worked at that business when not engaged in farming. He died Jan. 17, 1886. His widow died in Rutland, Vt., March 8, 1889. Children: I and II by first marriage; III to VII by second marriage, and VIII by third marriage.

- I. DIANTHA R., born Sept. 1, 1845; married, Sept. 25, 1866, George A. Merrifield. Children: 1. *Alice B.*; 2. *Eva S.*; 3. *Arthur H.* Resides in Athol, Mass.
- II. MEDORA FRANCES, born April 19, 1847.
- III. LUCY ANN, born March 19, 1849; died in Ascutneyville, Vt., June 12, 1862.
- IV. LORENZO C., born Sept. 25, 1850; died Sept. 30, 1850.
- V. ELLEN C., born Aug. 16, 1851, in Dublin; married, May 1, 1877, William L. Morse; resides in Marlborough, Mass. One child, *Pauline H.* Mr. Morse is of the firm of Morse & Bigelow.
- VI. ALBERT ERI, born May 9, 1853; married, 1874 or 1875, Carrie L., daughter of Ambrose W. and Elizabeth (Robinson) Spaulding of Jaffrey. Removed to Princeville, Ills., where he was principal of the high school; died there Oct. 5, 1875.
- VII. ABBIE C., born Aug. 21, 1857; married, Aug. 24, 1878, Dudley S. Philbrick of Auburn, Me.; resides in Cullison, Pratt County, Kansas. One child, *Jessie C.*
- VIII. EMMA, born Sept. 22, 1870, in Milford, Mass.; died April 8, 1892, in Colorado Springs, Col.

LYMAN SPOONER was a native of Vermont, born Nov. 26, 1814; married, April 27, 1842, Almira, daughter of Lemuel and Leafy (Knight) Brown. He located in Brookline, where he remained a few weeks only; afterwards he resided a short time in Barre and Sudbury, Mass. He returned to Troy in the fall of 1842, and resided here until he enlisted in the War of the Rebellion. He was a house painter and devoted most of his time to that occupation. In 1853, he bought the Cutting sawmill of Warren McClenathan, but sold it the following year to Edwin Mann. He died at

Savannah, Ga., July 7, 1865, of disease contracted in the service.

- I. CAROLINE A., born Sept. 9, 1843; married, 1st, Edward C. Sutton, who died; married, 2d, Christopher F. Lawson.

STARKEY. The earliest records of the Massachusetts Bay Colony give, of this surname, first, Robert Starkey of Concord, Mass.; second, George Starkey, or Starke, whom Savage says may have been of Lynn, or Malden; third, Robert Starkey, a mariner, whose house stood on land belonging to Rev. Increase Mather and near his own house. His will was made in 1705, and his only son, Robert, Jr., was a printer and bookseller of Fleet street, Boston; his will was made in 1727, and with him the male line became extinct. Fourth, John Starkey of Boston, 1667. A lineal descendant states that this John Starkey came from Standish, county Lancaster, England, and, though the connection has not yet been established, yet it is rendered probable from the fact that there have been large numbers of this family in Lancaster County for generations, in which the names of John, Thomas, William and George prevail. It is from this John Starkey that those who inhabited this region descended. John Starkey, by wife Sarah, had, born in Boston: John, Jr., born Sept. 23, 1667; Mary; Sarah, born April 1, 1671; Experience, born Feb. 3, 1672; Martha, born March 25, 1674; Andrew. The records show he was a landholder in Malden and Charlestown, Mass., in 1674 and later, and in 1689 that he was an inhabitant of Pemaquid, Me. One authority states that on Aug. 2, 1689, the Penobscot Indians, one hundred in number, headed by Moxas, landed at New Harbor, on the opposite side of the Point from the fort. There they seized an Englishman by the name of John Starkey, who was alone, and compelled him to give them information in regard to the condition of affairs at



the fort. They surprised the garrison at broad noonday, "no scouts out," and forced Lieut. Weems to surrender; terms of capitulation were made and kept, as, several years later, Lieut. Weems, then living in New York, presents repeated petitions for pay due himself and to his men for their services at his fort. What John Starkey's fate was, cannot be learned; no record has, as yet, yielded to long and exhaustive search. Of his family, it is probable that, as his lands lay near the fort, they were among those who were embarked "in Mr. Pateshall's sloop" and were carried to Boston. The son, Andrew, was the first of the family to settle in Attleborough, Mass., to which town he moved from Malden, Mass., where he married, 1st, in 1708, Mehitable, daughter of Samuel and Mehitable Waite of Malden, who was born Dec. 22, 1686; died in 1717; he married, 2d, Feb. 2, 1717-18, Katherine, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Woodcock) Balcom, who was born Feb. 7, 1694. Their children were: Mehitable, John, Jason, Jemima, Andrew, Thomas.\*

John Starkey, born July, 1712; married, Feb. 2, 1734, at Attleborough, Amy, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Judith (Peck) Capron, who was born July 15, 1715. Their children were: i, John, Jr., born March 6, 1736-7; died Oct. 29, 1739; ii, Loes; iii, Nathan (or Nathaniel) who remained at Attleborough; iv, William, born in 1742; v, Mehitable; vi, John, Jr., born March 13, 1745-6; vii, Enoch; viii, Peter; ix, Chloe; x, Benjamin, who died in Troy, unmarried; xi, Joseph. About 1776, Peter, with his brothers, John, Benjamin, Enoch and Joseph, came to this region and settled.

PETER STARKEY died in February, 1821. His oldest child was born in Attleborough; all the others in New Hampshire.

\* "The Starkeys of New England," by Emily Wilder Leavitt, Boston, 1892.



- I. OTIS, born Feb. 23, 1774; married Desire Peters. Had children recorded: 1. *Otis*, born Nov. 27, 1797; 2. *Lewis*, born July 28, 1801.
- II. PETER, born Sept. 25, 1777; married Mary, born April 13, 1769, daughter of Jonathan and Amy (Brown) Sweet of Richmond.
- III. NATHAN, born March 12, 1779; married Esther Briggs. One child, *Briggs*, born June 23, 1804.
- IV. LABAN, born Jan. 30, 1782; married, March 16, 1802, Polly, born Jan. 6, 1781, daughter of Isaac and Ruth Jackson.
- V. BENJAMIN, born June 14, 1785; married Sally Smith. Children: 1. *Benjamin Proctor*, born July 31, 1807; 2. *George Washington*, born April 30, 1809.
- VI. JOHN, born April 3, 1788; married, Aug. 20, 1812, Sarah, born Jan. 6, 1789, daughter of John and Lydia (Taft) Cass of Richmond. Had ten children.
- VII. CALVIN, born March 17, 1790; married Mary, born June 8, 1793, daughter of Asa and Eunice (Williams) Porter of Marlborough; removed to Townsend, Vt.
- VIII. LONA, born April 25, 1792; died aged 2 years, 6 months.
- IX. LUNA, born Sept. 11, 1794.

JOHN STARKEY, son of John, born March 13, 1745-46; married Mary, daughter of John, Sr., and Rebecca (Sweetland) Godding. No family.

ENOCH STARKEY, son of John, born July 29, 1748; married, Oct. 15, 1774, Elizabeth (or Betsey) Blackinton of Attleborough, Mass., who was born Jan. 3, 1751; died Jan. 18, 1823. He lived in that part of Troy, now included in Swanzey, and where he died in 1823.

- I. DAVID, born —; married, March 23, 1797, Lavinia Woodcock.
- II. GEORGE, born 1775.
- III. SAMUEL, born Nov. 30, 1786; married, March 20, 1811, Thankful, daughter of Nathaniel and Thankful Bolles.
- IV. LEVI, born March 2, 1790; married Hannah Holman of Fitzwilliam; she died Dec. 23, 1846; he died June 17, 1848.
- V. POLLY, born June 15, 1793; married, June 27, 1819, John Tilden of Keene. She died in Westmoreland, June 10, 1854.

JOSEPH STARKEY, son of John, born in Attleborough, Mass.; married, July 23, 1778, Waitstill, daughter of Henry Morse, and lived in Richmond. He served in Capt. Oliver Capron's company, Col. William Doolittle's regiment, at Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass., Oct. 6, 1775.

- I. MARTHA, born March 13, 1779; married, March 4, 1798, Joseph Clark.

- II. ESTHER, born June 3, 1783; married Elijah Davenport.
- III. WAITSTILL, born Jan. 17, 1787; married, May 15, 1811, Noah Aldrich.
- IV. JOSEPH, born Sept. 27, 1790; married, Feb. 20, 1812, Lydia Aldrich.
- V. HENRY, born Sept. 1, 1795; married, Feb. 17, 1818, Lucy Woodward.
- VI. BETSEY, born May, 1803; married, June 26, 1820, William Woodward.

WILLIAM STARKEY came from Attleborough, Mass., and was doubtless a relative of Peter, and came to this region probably before 1793. He died about 1808.

- I. SARAH, born Sept. 5, 1794; married Tyler Tenney; died at the homestead.
- II. HANNAH, born Oct. 17, 1795.
- III. NAOMI, born Sept. 29, 1796; married George Farrar; died Sept. 2, 1842.
- IV. WILLIAM, died in childhood.
- V. OLIVE, born Oct. 25, 1801; married Asher Coolidge.
- VI. EBENEZER, born Nov. 20, 1803.
- VII. RHODA, born Nov. 12, 1805.
- VIII. LYDIA, born July 26, 1807; married L. Martin; resides in Keene.

LUNA STARKEY, son of Peter, born Sept. 11, 1794; married early in 1812, Hannah, daughter of Stephen White, born May 1, 1793; died Feb. 18, 1866. For a short time he lived in the house with his father, but in 1813, he purchased the Ebenezer Saunders farm, where he lived until his death, Sept. 17, 1850.

- I. LUNA, born May 28, 1812; died March 30, 1833.
- II. DANIEL, born Feb. 12, 1815.
- III. BAILEY, born Jan. 20, 1816.
- IV. HANNAH L., born Jan. 19, 1820; married, 1st, Jonathan Clark, Jr.; married, 2d, Daniel G. Carter; died Sept. 9, 1878.
- V. STEPHEN, born July 20, 1823.
- VI. EZEKIEL, born Nov. 24, 1824.
- VII. ALANSON, born Oct. 12, 1826.
- VIII. VIENNA, born May 15, 1829; died Jan. 30, 1848.
- IX. EDWARD F., born Oct. 14, 1831; married, Nov. 14, 1850, Mary Jane, daughter of Simon and Olive Butler; died April 28, 1859. One child, *Edward Eugene*, born Feb. 1, 1857; died April 22, 1858.
- X. IRA G., born March 4, 1834.

DANIEL STARKEY, son of Luna, born Feb. 12, 1813; married, Oct. 26, 1836, Sarah O. Holbrook; died March 1, 1865; his widow died Dec. 21, 1870. He

resided a few years in the Bush house and worked at shoemaking; afterwards he lived on the Whitney place and on the Nurse farm, where he died.

- I. DANIEL ALDEN, born July 10, 1838.
- II. SARAH DIANA, born March 20, 1841; died July 25, 1842.
- III. LAURA DIANA, born Feb. 27, 1844; died Sept. 7, 1845.
- IV. VIENNA O., born April 19, 1848; married Charles Lang; died March 23, 1879.

BAILEY STARKEY, son of Luna, born Jan. 20, 1816; married, November, 1838, Betsey, daughter of Jonathan Clark. He died Jan. 1, 1866, and his widow married, 2d, Winthrop Knight.

- I. MARY JANE, born Feb. 12, 1840; married Joseph Haskell.
- II. ELLEN, born March 13, 1842; married George J. Ripley; died Sept. 24, 1870. Children: 1. *Frank L. Ripley*, born Oct. 17, 1860; died Nov. 14, 1874; 2. *Flora B. Ripley*, born Jan. 21, 1864; 3. *Walter G. Ripley*, born Nov. 28, 1866; died April 18, 1879.
- III. MARIA, born Nov. 21, 1845; died Feb. 17, 1847.
- IV. ANNA M., born May 21, 1849; married Oren S. Adams; died Jan. 14, 1897.
- V. VIENNA, born Dec. 14, 1851; married Jonas Foster.
- VI. WARREN B., born Oct. 8, 1853.
- VII. WALTER J., born Dec. 23, 1858; died in 1862.

STEPHEN STARKEY, son of Luna, born July 20, 1823; married, Jan. 2, 1849, Polly Sweetser of Fitzwilliam; died March 27, 1853. Mrs. Starkey married, 2d, Oct. 5, 1858, John T. Leonardson, who died Dec. 6, 1890, aged seventy-five. She died Oct. 11, 1892.

- I. CHARLES STEVEN, born June 13, 1843; married, 1st, Adelaide R. Howard of Richmond, who died July 27, 1885, aged twenty-nine; married, 2d, Nov. 2, 1891, Mrs. Della Luce.
- II. CALEB LUNA, born March 29, 1851; died Feb. 10, 1852.

ALANSON STARKEY, son of Luna, born Oct. 12, 1826; married, April 28, 1850, Mary Rice, born April 26, 1830. After his marriage he located in the Jacob Boyce house, but in 1855 he built the house now owned by Daniel Sullivan, and worked in the pail shops for several years. After a time he sold this place and went to live with Thomas Wright in the house he now occupies.

- I. ANN MARIA, born Jan. 27, 1851; died June 7, 1851.
- II. GEORGE ALANSON, born Sept. 23, 1852.
- III. THOMAS WRIGHT, born Dec. 7, 1857.

- IV. FRED SIBLEY, born Jan. 12, 1866; married, Sept. 24, 1890, Hattie M. Matthews of Fitzwilliam. Children: 1. *Harry Matthews*, born Sept. 1, 1891; 2. *Ervin Fred*, born Nov. 6, 1894.
- V. FRANK HERBERT, born April 16, 1873; married, June 16, 1894, Eva L. Shippey.
- VI. LILLACE MAY, born March 1, 1877; died April 15, 1877.
- GEORGE A. STARKEY, son of Alanson, born Sept. 22, 1852; married, 1st, Aug. 31, 1881, Jennie A., daughter of



GEORGE A. STARKEY.

Ivers L. and Almira W. (Gates) Richardson of Marlborough. She died May 30, 1890, and he married, 2d, July 20, 1890, Mrs. Alice Diana Cole. Soon after his marriage he bought the Amos Ingalls place, where he



has since resided and for several years has been engaged in the meat and provision business and occupies a market building which he built, situated near the railroad and a short distance north of the depot. Some twenty years ago he established the Monadnock Trout Ponds for the artificial propagation of the brook trout, in which business he has been very successful. He was one of the selectmen in 1892, 1893 and 1895.

- I. MARY LILLIAN, born May 16, 1882.
- II. NELLIE GERTRUDE, born Aug. 23, 1883.
- III. HENRY IVERS, born Aug. 20, 1886; died Dec. 11, 1891.
- IV. MINNIE JENNIE, born Jan. 21, 1889.

THOMAS W. STARKEY, son of Alanson, born Dec. 7, 1857; married, June 17, 1879, Emma May Walker, born Aug. 11, 1855.

- I. CHARLES H., born Jan. 5, 1880.
- II. BERTIE G., born Sept. 25, 1881.
- III. MYRTIE BLANCHE, born Aug. 14, 1884.
- IV. MARY GERTRUDE, born Feb. 4, 1887.
- V. LELA BELLE, born July 14, 1889.
- VI. BERNICE EMMA, born Nov. 5, 1893.

IRA G. STARKEY, son of Luna, born March 4, 1834; married, Nov. 19, 1862, Augusta, daughter of Dexter Warren of Swanzy, born April 27, 1839. After his marriage, Mr. Starkey lived for several years on the place now owned by H. C. Newton; he then went to Winchendon, where he lived for a short time, returning to Troy, and purchasing of George Tupper, the Porter place on East Hill, where he resided until 1889, when he left the farm and went to Kansas. He returned to Troy in 1891, and purchased the Ezekiel Peck place in the village, where he has since lived, selling his farm to Charles Freeman.

- I. WALTER H., born Oct. 12, 1863.
- II. CHARLES E., born Jan. 16, 1865; died Oct. 7, 1870.
- III. LULA A., born Feb. 23, 1867; died Oct. 13, 1870.
- IV. LULA A., born Jan. 28, 1871; died Sept. 2, 1871.
- V. WEBSTER T., born April 1, 1872; died Sept. 26, 1872.
- VI. LESTER D., born Aug. 8, 1875.

WALTER H. STARKEY, son of Ira G. and Augusta (Warren) Starkey, was born in Troy, Oct. 12, 1863. He was



born and reared upon the farm, attended the common schools of the town, and was for several terms under the instruction of Mrs. L. B. Wright, and was a close student and desirous of obtaining a good education.



WALTER H. STARKEY.

Later he entered Ashburnham Academy, at Ashburnham, Mass., from which he graduated, but close attention to his studies had impaired his health. He was ambitious to become a Greek professor, but the failing health interfered with his plans, and seeking a change of climate with a view to warding off the disease, he went to Kansas in the fall of 1883, first locating in Nehema County, and for two winters

taught school near Seneca in that state. During the next four years he was deputy county clerk of Nehema County, and in the fall of 1888 he entered the law department of the State University, from which he graduated in 1891. After leaving the university, he went to Holland, Jackson County, and entered a law office, but only remained there a short time. In October, 1891, he went to Osage City and entered into partnership with J. P. McLaughlin, who had been his roommate at the university, under the firm name of Starkey & McLaughlin. He was an estimable young man, of good ability and very popular where he was known, and had his life been spared he would undoubtedly have made his mark in his profession. He married, July 12, 1894, Miss Clara Niles of Osage City, who died one year later. For twelve years the climate held his disease in check, but after the death of his wife the disease took hold of him again and made rapid progress to the end, which occurred March 16, 1896.

DANIEL A. STARKEY, son of Daniel, born July 10, 1838; married, 1st, — — who died —; married, 2d, Jan. 15, 1866, Augusta C., daughter of John Lang, who was born in Germany, Sept. 11, 1848. He died March 1, 1892.

- I. DANIEL ALDEN, JR., born July 10, 1866; married, April 15, 1890, Ellen Rock. Children: 1. *Charles Henry*, born Nov. 6, 1890; 2. *Herbert Samuel*, born Sept. 10, 1892; died young.
- II. ALMA L., born May 31, 1867; married, June 7, 1891, Walter C. Carroll of Winchendon.
- III. SARAH PAULINE, born Oct. 8, 1871; died May 8, 1873.
- IV. LENA MAY, born April 29, 1874; married, Nov. 9, 1892, Edgar H. Blossom. Children: 1. —; 2. Son, born May 7, 1894.
- V. JOHN J., born April 4, 1876.
- VI. CHARLES HERBERT, born May 15, 1877; died Sept. 11, 1886.
- VII. CORA C., born Sept. 20, 1878; married, May 29, 1895, Curtis M. Huckins of Ashby, Mass.
- VIII. LEONARD W., born Sept. 27, 1879.
- IX. HERBERT L., born Aug. 2, 1881; died Aug. 9, 1882.
- X. ANNA A., born Dec. 14, 1885.
- XI. LILLIAN B., born Feb. 18, 1888.

EZEKIEL STARKEY, son of Luna, born Nov. 24, 1824; married, July 3, 1850, Lucy M. Drury, who was born

in Weston, Vt., May 13, 1831. Mr. Starkey worked in the pail shops in Troy, and in Ohio and St. Louis, for several years, but finally returned to Troy and engaged in the livery business, which he carried on until a few years since, and was well known to the traveling public all over the country, as for a long time he carried the passengers from the depot to Monadnock mountain.

- I. HATTIE M., born April 25, 1856; died Dec. 30, 1856.
- II. MINNIE L., born March 22, 1859; died Aug. 30, 1860.
- III. HARRY L., born Jan. 9, 1861; died Feb. 9, 1861.
- IV. CORA L., born April 1, 1866; died Oct. 14, 1878.
- V. EFFIE BLANCHE, born April 12, 1873.

STANLEY. Jonathan Stanley, was originally from Acton, Mass., settling first in Rindge and then in Jaffrey. He married Louise, probably a daughter of Benjamin Moors of Rindge. He was a soldier in the Revolution. He died July 12, 1789, aged forty-one; his wife died Dec. 9, 1828, aged eighty-one. He had nine children: Jonathan, John, Benjamin Moors, Jedediah, Nathan, Sarah, Abiah, Keziah and Abner.

JONATHAN STANLEY, the first son, married Betsey Ross, daughter of Abraham Ross of Jaffrey. He died Nov. 4, 1852, aged seventy-eight; his wife died Feb. 10, 1842, aged sixty-seven.

- I. ABRAHAM, married Lydia Eveleth.
- II. ABNER.
- III. BENJAMIN MOORS, born June 12, 1806.
- IV. ALVAH, born 1807; married, 1st, Lucy B. Cutting, who died March 14, 1875; married, 2d, Jane Danforth. Children: 1. *Warren*; 2. *Henry*; 3. *Luella*, adopted daughter.
- V. JAMES ROSS, born Aug. 5, 1810.
- VI. PERSIS.
- VII. JONATHAN.

BENJAMIN MOORS STANLEY, son of Jonathan, born in Jaffrey, June 12, 1806; married, Feb. 7, 1839, Abigail, daughter of Amos Sibley. He resided in Jaffrey until 1851, when he came to Troy, but returned to Jaffrey in 1855, and returned to Troy the following year.

His wife died May 14, 1862; he died in Newport, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1879.

- i. BENJAMIN BRADLEY, born May 1, 1843; died Nov. 5, 1856. Killed in the house of Elijah Harrington, by the discharge of a gun in the hands of a young lad, who playfully pointed the fatal weapon at him, not knowing it was loaded.
  - ii. BETSEY ROSS, born Feb. 26, 1845; died in Fitchburg, Nov. 1, 1883.
  - iii. EVA HENRIETTA, born July 20, 1847; married Rev. Randall Aldrich.
- JAMES R. STANLEY, son of Jonathan, born Aug. 5, 1810; married, Feb. 7, 1850, Abigail, daughter of Daniel



JAMES R. STANLEY.

Cutting, Jr., who died Sept. 5, 1873. He died June 21, 1888. He lived with a Mr. Warren of Jaffrey for several years until he became of age, where he learned



the trade of a stone mason, which business he followed for a larger part of his life. In 1837, he purchased the mill on East Hill, afterwards owned by George S. Colburn, manufacturing clothespins and chairs, and also run a grist mill for several years. He lived on the "Stanley" place in Jaffrey for several years, later on the Cutting place, and finally came to the village about 1885, purchasing of Edmund Bemis the Wright place, where his son now resides. Was town constable for several years and selectman at different times for nine terms.

- I. JAMES LYFORD, born Dec. 1, 1853; married, June 20, 1876, Minnetta F., daughter of George A., and Josephine M. (Cutting) Adams.

STONE. Capt. George Stone, was born in Lexington, Mass., March 21, 1760; married, 1st, Hannah Lovering, of Kingston, about 1788, who died Dec. 27, 1826, aged sixty-five; married, 2d, Abigail Currier, of Canterbury, in 1830, who died April 18, 1849, aged sixty-six. He was a soldier of the Revolution, enlisting at the age of fifteen, and served five years; participated in the battles of Brandywine and Stillwater, and other engagements; witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne; endured the suffering and privation of the winter encampment at Valley Forge; and was wounded at the battle of Monmouth. On the return of peace, he settled in Boscawen, N. H., but the depreciation of Continental money left him so poor that he had only twenty cents to begin life with. By industry he was soon able to purchase twenty acres of land, upon which he commenced farming, and in time acquired land sufficient to give each of his eight children a homestead. He died at West Boscawen, Dec. 8, 1834. His second child was John, born Feb. 28, 1792; married Submit Sweatt of West Boscawen; died Jan. 25, 1870. They had two sons, the second, Hiram George, was born May 24, 1822; married, 1st, Jan. 26, 1847, Mary Ann C. Ticknor of Lebanon, who died Nov. 10, 1856; married,



2d, Dec. 5, 1857, Lucinda Lane of Epsom. Mrs. Stone died Dec. 21, 1891; he died Dec. 26, 1891.

MELVIN T. STONE, son of Hiram G., was born in West Boscawen, July 28, 1854; married, Jan. 26, 1882, Cora M., daughter of Charles W. and Sarah Frances (Taylor) Whitney. His early life was spent upon the farm and in attending the common schools of his



RESIDENCE OF DR. M. T. STONE.

native town, and New Hampton Literary Institution. Studied medicine with Dr. F. S. Stillings of Concord, N. H., and attended lectures at Dartmouth Medical College, from which he graduated in November, 1879. Came to Troy, Feb. 20, 1880, and entered upon the practice of medicine as successor to Dr. Benjamin E. Harriman. In 1887, purchased the Elijah Harrington house, previously owned by Eri J. Spaulding, which was considerably enlarged and improved, and where he has since resided. Was superintending school committee and a member of the school board from 1883 until 1887; was chosen representative to the General Court in 1887, and has been town clerk from 1887, besides holding other offices of trust and responsibility. Was a member of the Board of Pension Examining Surgeons, at Keene, during President Harrison's

administration. Is a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society; of the Cheshire County Medical Society, and Connecticut River Medical Society, having been president of the two last named societies.

- I. MARY FRANCES, born April 29, 1886; died April 15, 1891.
- II. MILDRED TICKNOR, born March 17, 1889.
- III. DOROTHY CORA, born April 25, 1896; died Aug. 20, 1896.

LEVI STREETER was born in Rindge, Jan. 12, 1797; married, 1st, Sarah Packard, Jan. 17, 1822. Mrs. Streeter died August, 1835, aged thirty-eight years; and he married, 2d, Dec. 17, 1835, Sophia Stanford, who was born in Dublin, Oct. 10, 1808.

- I. CHARLES, died aged one year, six months.
- II. ELVIRA, died aged three years.
- III. CAROLINE, died aged three years.
- IV. KATHERINE, born in 1831; married Amos Lawrence of Fitchburg.
- V. SARAH JANE, born in 1833; married Charles Brown of Winchendon, Mass.
- VI. ELIZABETH, born Aug. 18, 1836; married Barton Grant of Fitzwilliam.
- VII. CAROLINE, born Nov. 4, 1837; married Alfred Lawrence of Troy.
- VIII. SOPHIA, born Feb. 4, 1839; married George Brooks of Fitchburg.
- IX. ITALY, born in Swanzev, Jan. 4, 1841; married John F. Whitcomb of Richmond.
- X. CHARLES H., born Sept. 5, 1843; married, 1st, Abbie Frances, daughter of Nehemiah Adams; married, 2d, Mary Powers of Winchendon.
- XI. ELVIRA, born April 15, 1845; married Albert Ames of Fitchburg.
- XII. ABBIE, born Nov. 1, 1847; married Henry H. Daisey; died August, 1892.
- XIII. DANIEL L., born July 21, 1850; married, 1st, Nov. 6, 1877, Mrs. Nettie E. Grant, daughter of David C. Stone of Fitzwilliam, born Dec. 21, 1854; died Feb. 7, 1895; married, 2d, Feb. 2, 1896, Mrs. Flora C. Bourn. Children: 1. *Stephen Daniel*, born Dec. 2, 1878; 2. *Albert Perley*, born Sept. 5, 1884; 3. *Leila Florence*, born March 10, 1897.

JOHN SULLIVAN was born in Ireland, and on coming to Troy, purchased the John Lawrence farm. He died April 30, 1880, aged 45 years. Married, 1st, Mary O'Brien, who died; married, 2d, Ellen Dunn.

- I. DANIEL, born Jan. 31, 1861.
- II. JOHN, born — 1865; died.
- III. THOMAS, born Jan. 25, 1869.

IV. NELLIE AGNES, born Jan. 1, 1870; married, July 26, 1893, Edward Cushing.

V. MARY ELIZABETH, born April 1, 1871; married, Sept. 24, 1889, Michael Enright, 2d.

DANIEL SULLIVAN, son of John, born Jan. 31, 1861; married, June 14, 1881, Deborah King, born Aug. 15, 1858.

I. MARY J., born Aug. 7, 1882.

II. KATHERINE MABEL, born March 13, 1885.

III. JOHN LAWRENCE, born Dec. 6, 1886.

IV. GILBERT JAMES, born April 5, 1889.

V. DANIEL JOSEPH, born March 29, 1891.

VI. MORRIS BARTHOLOMEW, born Nov. 3, 1893.

VII. GERTRUDE, born May 9, 1896.

EDWARD C. SUTTON was a son of Nathaniel Sutton, and was born in Shelburne, Vt., Oct. 17, 1841; married, Oct. 24, 1861, Caroline A., daughter of Lyman and Almira (Brown) Spooner; died June 13, 1870. His widow married, 2d, Christopher F. Lawson.

I. WINFRED HOMER, born Jan. 29, 1864; died July 12, 1869.

II. CHARLES LYMAN, born Dec. 17, 1865; married, April 5, 1885, Isa Adele Knapp of Keene; resides in Keene. Children: 1. *Harry Melvin*, born Oct. 5, 1887; 2. *Aldith Eleanor*, born Nov. 16, 1888; 3. *Dorothy Ardelle*, born Jan. 2, 1892.

III. ANGIE ALICE, born July 27, 1868; married Elmer E. Haskell.

IV. AMY ALMIRA, born July 23, 1870; died Aug. 20, 1871.

SAMUEL M. THOMPSON of Lisbon, N. H., and Mrs. Olive J. (Bowen) Howard were married Jan. 19, 1858. She was born Oct. 5, 1831, and married, 1st, Oct. 6, 1855, Romanzo Howard of Montgomery, Alabama. She had one child, Adelaide R. Howard, who was born July 3, 1856, and married Charles S. Starkey; died July 27, 1885.

I. MABEL F., born Aug. 4, 1859.

II. BENJAMIN F., born Dec. 24, 1860; married, May 12, 1891, Mary Weeks of Richmond.

III. EDGAR M., born Nov. 8, 1863; married, April 6, 1891, Elizabeth Davis of Fitzwilliam. One child, *Paul*. Resides in Fitzwilliam.

IV. HERBERT P., born Sept. 1, 1866; married, July 3, 1890, Mary Ellen, daughter of Edward and Harriet (Birtwhistle) Hartley, born in England. Children: 1. *Harriet Hartley*, born Feb. 22, 1893; 2. *William Edward*, born Feb. 1, 1895.

V. GERTRUDE M., born May 22, 1871; married, June 17, 1891, George Rowley of Fitchburg; resides in Brockton, Mass.

TOLMAN. Thomas Tolman emigrated to this country from England about 1635, and settled in Dorchester, Mass. His first wife, whom he probably married in England, was Sarah —. She died and he married, 2d, Katherine —, who died Nov. 7, 1677, and he died Jan. 28, 1690. He had seven children. His son John, born 1642, married, 1st, Elizabeth Collins of Lynn, who was probably born April 8, 1666. She died Oct. 7, 1690, and he married, 2d, June 15, 1692, Mary Paul. He died Jan. 1, 1724-25. Henry, son of John, born March, 1678-79, married Hannah —. He resided at Dorchester for some years, and then removed to Attleborough, where he died at an advanced age. His wife died Nov. 11, 1735. His son Henry, born in Dorchester, Feb. 23, 1708, married Mary, daughter of Benjamin Slack of Attleborough. He resided in Attleborough, and died Dec. 25, 1762. His widow died in Fitzwilliam, Dec. 26, 1785. Three of his sons settled in this region, Ebenezer, Joseph and Benjamin, the latter in what is now Troy.

BENJAMIN TOLMAN, married Hepzibeth, daughter of Jacob Newell, and raised up a large family.

- I. BENJAMIN, born 1782.
- II. HENRY, born 1783; married Polly Harris; died in 1851.
- III. CHARLES, died at an early age.
- IV. HEPZIBETH.
- V. CHARLES, born 1789.
- VI. JACOB, born 1791.
- VII. HEPZIBETH, born 1793.
- VIII. DAVID, born 1795; married Martha Ballou; died in Troy.
- IX. NATHAN, born 1797; died in Fitchburg.
- X. STEPHEN, born 1798.
- XI. SALLY, born 1800; married — Boyce.
- XII. CALVIN, born 1803; married Mary Bowers.
- XIII. ANNA, born 1804; married Amasa Aldrich.
- XIV. LUTHER, born 1807.

HENRY TOLMAN, son of Benjamin, born 1783; married, Nov. 28, 1805, Polly, daughter of Christopher Harris, and formed a copartnership with his father-in-law in



the business of the tavern. He lived there one and one-half years, then moved to Derry, Vt., where he resided three years, after which he returned to Troy, and lived some time in the William Whitcomb house. After this he kept a public house two years, but again returned to the Whitcomb place. He worked at brick-making three years in the yard afterwards owned by Thomas Wright, then moved to the Sampson Wheeler place, where he lived some sixteen years, and finally went to Sterling, Mass., where he died March 6, 1851; his wife died Aug. 5, 1857.

- I. CHARLES MASON, born Jan. 21, 1807; married, May 29, 1828, Lydia Lovejoy; died Dec. 27, 1830. After his death, Mrs. Tolman returned to Wilton, her native town, and married — Gray; she died about 1842. After his marriage he resided in Fitchburg till 1830, when he returned to Troy, purchased the old school-house which stood near the Marshall barn, moved it to the westerly side of the village and converted it into a dwelling house.
- II. NANCY, born June 17, 1808; married Luther Towns of Amherst; died October, 1859. Children: 1. *Martha Ann Towne*, died in 1846; 2. *Mary F. Towne*, married Joshua Bailey of Lowell, Mass.; died Dec. 4, 1890; 3. *Harriet E. Towne*, married L. W. Nichols; resides in Worcester; 4. *Cynthia Towne*, married Rev. John Baskwell; 5. *Henrietta*.
- III. HENRY, JR., born Aug. 13, 1809; married Harriet Rhodes; resides in Eldora, Iowa. Formerly lived in Worcester, Mass., where he served on the board of common council in 1854 and 1855, and then removed to Wisconsin, and in 1859, was on the board of county commissioners, Waushara county. Children: 1. *Charles T.*, born April 2, 1836; 2. *James M.*, born May 2, 1839; 3. *Alfred R.*, born July 13, 1841; 4. *Sarah A.*, born Oct. 2, 1844; 5. *Josephine C.*, born April 10, 1847; 6. *George H.*, born July 7, 1849.
- IV. ELISHA H., born June 17, 1811.
- V. DANIEL, born Nov. 7, 1812; married Almira Davis; resides in Wisconsin.
- VI. MARY, born May 5, 1814; married, April 16, 1833, Isaac Jackson; died in Harrison, Me., Feb. 21, 1888. Mrs. Jackson was a person of rare energy, and possessed a degree of moral courage which was truly heroic. When very few women, if any, had stepped from the private walks of life to preach the gospel, this young woman, leaving the gay circles which had delighted her, and in which her presence was ever desired, went into the Great West to carry glad tidings to those who were bearing the heavy burdens



of frontier life. It is testified of her that she had been instrumental in organizing more than thirty churches. She never boasted of having accomplished anything. "The Lord's service is joyous," was all she had to say of her part in the work. Having preached for about forty years in the West, going from the prairie schoolhouse to the city church, and again, at a time when an uprising of the redmen was feared, taking her way into the Indian country, to tell them of "Peace on earth, good will toward men," she returned to the scenes of early life. Making her home near that of a brother in Harrison, Me., she still labored as her strength would permit, till almost the close. With her husband, who was a preacher, she did lasting work in life's harvest fields.

- VII. JACOB N., born Jan. 2, 1816; married, 1st, Eliza Ann, daughter of Abram Osborne of Fitchburg, who died at the early age of twenty-six years; married, 2d, Abbie S. Moses of Warwick, Mass.; died, 1873, in San Francisco, Cal. He commenced life as a teacher, in which calling he was very successful. After his marriage he engaged in the dry goods business, opening a store in Fitchburg. Afterward removed to Sterling, Mass., where he carried on the same business. During his residence in that town he served as postmaster, also as a member of the board of school committee. In 1869, he went with his sons to settle in Nevada, entering into business there, in which he was very successful till the panic of 1873, and died suddenly while on a business trip to San Francisco. He was a person of marked intellectual ability and of genial disposition. Children: 1. *Frank Henry*, resides in Challis, Idaho; 2. *William Hartley*, resides in Tuscarora, Nevada; 3. *Edith Francis*, married Alexander Clark; resides in Nevada; 4. *Addie Newell*, resides in Fitchburg.

VIII. JAMES, born May 6, 1817; died Jan. 28, 1821.

IX. PHILANDER, born June 13, 1819.

X. SARAH ANN, born Dec. 31, 1824; died Nov. 2, 1844.

- XI. MALVINA AMANDA, born May 11, 1828; married Augustus Leach who died Nov. 10, 1877. They moved from the homestead in Sterling, to Keene, in 1868, where Mr. Leach engaged in the business of contractor and builder. One child, *Charles Augustus Leach*, born Oct. 17, 1848; married Nov. 12, 1872, Emma L. Whitney of Keene; resides in Fitchburg. One child, Winfred Charles, born Jan. 21, 1877. Mrs. Leach married, 2d, June 30, 1881, F. A. Osborne of Fitchburg.

ELISHA H. TOLMAN, son of Henry, born June 17, 1811; married, Nov. 30, 1837, Rosina, daughter of Artemas Beard of Fitzwilliam, and located in Sterling, Mass., where he resided till 1841, when he moved to Fitzwilliam; but in the spring of 1843, he bought the Cameron farm of Rev. Ezekiel Rich, and returned to

Troy. He was engaged in making brick for several years near where the Troy Brick Co.'s yard now is. Was representative in 1867 and 1868. He went from Troy to Denmark, Me., and later to Jackson, N. H.,



ELISHA H. TOLMAN.

where he built a large shop for the manufacture of clothespins and other things. Mrs. Tolman died in Troy, June 23, 1862, and he married, 2d, May 17, 1865, Abby B. Foster of Clinton, Mass. He died in Jackson, Jan. 16, 1876, dropping dead on entering his door after returning from church. His widow married, Aug. 5, 1879, Walter P. Harmon of Harrison, Me.,

who died Sept. 14, 1882. Mrs. Harmon resides in Worcester.

- I. ELLEN R., born Sept. 14, 1838; married, July 4, 1865, Chauncey N. Garfield. One child, *Ella A. Garfield*, born June 22, 1867.
- II. SIDNEY E., born Nov. 14, 1844; married, 1st, Sept. 18, 1867, Addie L., daughter of J. S. Kinsman of Keene, who died in Fitchburg, Mass., Sept. 8, 1891; married, 2d, March 28, 1895, Mamie A. Spencer of East Concord, N. Y.; resides in East Concord. Children: 1. *Fred A.*, born in Keene, March 19, 1870; 2. *Maud A.*, born in Denmark, Me., May 4, 1873; 3. *Arthur C.*, born in Hallowell, Me., April 20, 1881; died Aug. 8, 1881; 4. *Nina M.*, born in Bridgton, Me., Jan. 6, 1884.
- III. SARAH ANN, born March 4, 1847; married Nov. 13, 1866, George H. Kinsman. Children: 1. *Minnie R. Kinsman*, born July 19, 1868; married John L. Livermore of Londonderry, Vt.; 2. *John S. Kinsman*, born Sept. 29, 1869; died July 30, 1873; 3. *Louis H. Kinsman*, born in Keene, Nov. 2, 1874; 4. *Ernest A. Kinsman*, born in Keene, Aug. 19, 1876; 5. *Anna M. Kinsman*, born in Keene, Jan. 19, 1879; 6. *Addie G. Kinsman*, born in Londonderry, Vt., June 30, 1881; 7. *Stella A. Kinsman*, born in Londonderry, Nov. 7, 1883; 8. *Alice C. Kinsman*, born in Bellows Falls, May 8, 1885; 9. *Henry T. Kinsman*, born in Bellows Falls, May 5, 1887; 10. *Grace G. Kinsman*, born in Fitchburg, April 3, 1891.
- IV. MARY ANN, born Feb. 10, 1849; married, Jan. 1, 1869, Levi Saben, Jr., of Winchester. Children: 1. *Alfred L. Saben*, born Dec. 14, 1869; married, March 17, 1897, Emilie M. Pickett; 2. *Delano M. Saben*, born Jan. 9, 1879; 3. *Laura E. Saben*, born Feb. 28, 1882.
- V. MINNIE P., born Nov. 25, 1852; married, 1st, June 30, 1870, Charles E. Partridge; she married, 2d, March 31, 1888, Walter E. Saben of Winchester. Children: 1. *Ralph E. Partridge*, born May 12, 1875; died Nov. 22, 1882; 2. *Maurice E. Partridge*, born April 3, 1878; 3. *Leon R. Partridge*, born Aug. 19, 1880; 4. *Harry T. Partridge*, born Nov. 17, 1884.
- VI. CHARLES HENRY, born July 10, 1855; died July 1, 1863.

PHILANDER TOLMAN, son of Henry, born June, 1819; married Laura Kelton of Warwick, Mass. He went with his father to Warwick, in March, 1835, and the following year went to Worcester, Mass., and served an apprenticeship in the wire business for several years, and in 1848, went with his family to Harrison, Me., and started out in the manufacture of iron and steel wire, following the business for forty years, retiring in 1888. He was captain of the Washington Boys' Artillery Co. of Troy, in 1833 and 1834. He became a

member of the Baptist church in 1837, and since that time has been a teacher and superintendent of Sunday schools; school agent and superintendent of schools for many years; has been selectman of his town, representative to the General Court and served as state senator for two terms for Cumberland County. Has been treasurer of Bridgton Academy for more than fifteen years and one of the board of trustees. Has been deacon of the Baptist church for years.

- I. FRANK WARREN. Was a graduate of Colby University and Newton Theological Seminary; died in 1877.
- II. THEODORE M.
- III. CHARLES ELLIOT.
- IV. EMMA FRANCES; married Albert F. Richardson.
- V. JAMES HENRY. Is a lawyer in Casco, Me.
- VI. ANNA MALVINA; married Walter L. Audley.

CHARLES TOLMAN, son of Benjamin, born 1789; married, Jan. 1, 1817, Alta Anderson of Albany, N. Y., and resided there until 1819, when he returned to Troy, and took up his abode with his parents, who were then living on the Stephen Tolman place. In 1820, he removed to Richmond, where he stopped two years; after this he lived in Fitchburg three years, and then again returned to Troy, afterward removing to Shelburne Falls, Mass., where he died. At the commencement of the war with Great Britain in 1812, Mr. Tolman was at Hudson, N. Y., and on the 9th of July of that year enlisted and joined the American army at Plattsburg. The next year he was sent with a detachment of the army to Sacket's Harbor. On the 25th of April, he accompanied Gen. Dearborn, who embarked with seventeen hundred men on board a flotilla, under command of Commodore Chauncy, from Sacket's Harbor, for the purpose of attacking York, the capital of Upper Canada. On arriving at the place of debarkation, about two miles from the enemy's works, an attempt was made to oppose their landing; but the British were thrown into disorder, and fled to their garrison. Mr. Tolman was one of the number selected by Gen. Pike to attack the enemy's fortifications, and



he stood a few feet from that officer at the time he was killed, by an explosion of a magazine. After the capture of York, Mr. Tolman was sent to Fort Niagara, where he remained about one month; he assisted in the reduction of Fort George, after which he came down the St. Lawrence with the force under Wilkinson, and retired into winter quarters at French Mills. Early the next spring he returned to Plattsburg, and on the 11th of March received the commission of ensign in a company commanded by Capt. Humphrey, which took an active part in the battle there on the 11th of September following. After the battle he was appointed provost-marshal and sent to Crabb Island, about three miles from Plattsburg, to assist in taking charge of the prisoners. The 22d of November he was promoted to the rank of third lieutenant, in which capacity he served to the close of the war.

- I. CHESTER, born Nov. 13, 1817; married, Nov. 29, 1844, Lucinda Felton of Shelburne Falls.
- II. CORNELIA, born June 8, 1820; married, Dec. 26, 1842, — —; died April 25, 1845.
- III. MARY ANN, born April 27, 1822; died Dec. 26, 1826.
- IV. ORVILLE, born Jan. 4, 1825; married, Dec. 20, 1851, Louisa Bowers.
- V. ANGELINE, born Sept. 2, 1827; died Feb. 8, 1849.
- VI. ALBERT, born Oct. 24, 1829; married, Oct. 23, 1856, Sarah Briggs; resides in Shelburne Falls.

STEPHEN TOLMAN, son of Benjamin, born 1798; married, 1st, June 30, 1825, Hannah Martin of Richmond, but the union being an unhappy one they were divorced; and he married, 2d, Lorenta Fisher of Vermont, June 5, 1837, who died Sept. 27, 1843; married, 3d, April 13, 1844, Susan Fisher, sister of his second wife. He lived on the place now owned by Nelson Rice, but after a time went to Shelburne Falls, Mass., where he died.

- I. ARVILLA ANN, born Oct. 16, 1828; died May 13, 1849.
- II. ALVAH, born Aug. 13, 1840.
- III. LORENZO, born Sept. 19, 1843.
- IV. GEORGE ANDREW, born Dec. 2, 1844.
- V. EMILY LORENZA, born June 5, 1849; died Sept. 22, 1849.
- VI. HENRY EMERSON, born Jan. 15, 1850.
- VII. LAURA MARILLA, born Aug. 2, 1853.
- VIII. ELLA ROSINA, born April 18, 1885.



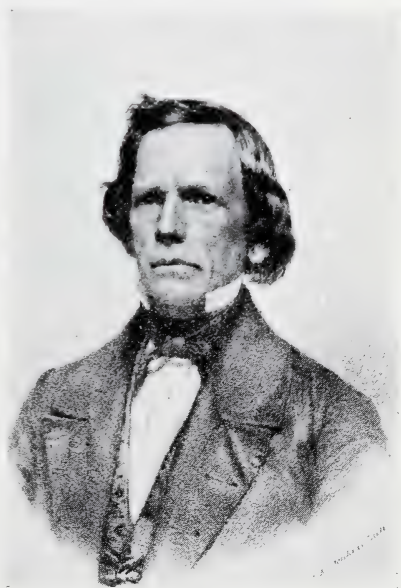
THOMAS TOLMAN, son of Major Thomas Tolman, of Marlborough, born March 12, 1814; married, Nov. 30, 1836, Susan R. Adams. Mr. Tolman resided a few years on the place now owned by Samuel A. Mason. He left town about 1884.

NATHAN TOWNSEND, came from Westborough, Mass., to Fitzwilliam about 1778. His wife was Sarah Putnam, who died June 14, 1810, aged sixty-five years. He died Nov. 8, 1809, aged sixty-seven. He had a family of eight children, of whom Aaron was the seventh, born April 1, 1779; died March 26, 1854; married, Feb. 21, 1811, Sylvene, born Dec. 23, 1781; died March 8, 1851, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Brigham) Davidson of Fitzwilliam. They had three children, Luther, Aaron and Alvah.

LUTHER TOWNSEND, son of Aaron, born Aug. 12, 1813; married, Sept. 4, 1845, Laura Maria, born Feb. 16, 1815; died August 3, 1872, in Keene, daughter of Matthew and Lucy (Brown) Nims of Roxbury, N. H. Mr. Townsend was pastor of the Congregational church in Troy for fifteen years, and preached in Loudon, N. H., one year. They had no children but an adopted daughter.

I. MARIANNA, born January 12, 1854.

WILBUR M. TUMEY, son of John and Catherine (Van Wert) Tumey, was born in Pittstown, N. Y., 1860; married, Dec. 24, 1891, Ruth Ann, daughter of Edward and Harriet (Birtwhistle) Hartley, born in England, 1866.



REV. LUTHER TOWNSEND.

I. MIRIAM HORSEFALL, born June 24, 1893.

II. MABEL ELLEN, born Dec. 5, 1894.

ERASTUS TUPPER, born in Tolland, Conn., July 5, 1806; married Mehitable Waitt of New Salem, Mass., where he resided some years; she died Sept. 10, 1839, and he married, 2d, July 4, 1842, Lois H. Merrifield, who died Aug. 22, 1887. Mr. Tupper came from Athol to Troy, in 1851, and located on the Levi L. Pierce farm, afterwards removed to Jaffrey, but returned to Troy, in 1857. He died Sept. 13, 1896.

I. NANCY, born February, 1834; married Simeon Merrifield; died May 17, 1882.

II. JOSEPH, born June 5, 1836; married, Jan. 1, 1860, Lydia A. Avery of Jaffrey; died Dec. 23, 1886; his wife died April 6, 1896; resided in Turners Falls, Mass. Children: 1. *Lilla Josephine*, born Feb. 4, 1861; married, June 8, 1887, Henry M. Harlow of Cummington, Mass.; resides in Turners Falls; 2. *Charles Amos*, born November, 1863; died Jan. 8, 1864; 3. *Alvin Joseph*, born Jan. 31, 1865; died April 15, 1889; 4. *Martin Hosea*, born Nov. 9, 1871.

III. ALONZO W., born Sept. 7, 1838; married, Sept. 5, 1861, Laura A. Parkhurst; died June 2, 1874; she married, 2d, — Sawyer, who died. One child, *Willis A.*, born Feb. 26, 1862; married, Sept. 12, 1894, Jennie Sawyer. One child, Howard M.

IV. GEORGE W., born May 14, 1843; married, May 19, 1866, Elmira S. Stoddard of Winchendon; resides in Marlborough. One child, *Rose N. E.*, born July 5, 1868; married, Aug. 8, 1888, Arthur G. Fish. One child, Harold G. Fish, born Jan. 22, 1893.

V. ALMENA R., born Feb. 2, 1845; married, Albert D. Avery, who died Nov. 15, 1871, aged 29 years; she died June 1, 1873. Children: 1. *Eugene Albert Avery*, born July 27, 1869; 2. *Minnie V. Avery*, born 1864; died Sept. 28, 1876; 3. *Hattie M. Avery*, born March 22, 1866; married Frank H. Bush; resides in Peoria, Ills.

VI. E. EUGENE, born Nov. 14, 1851; died May 11, 1864.

WILLIAM N. WATSON, was born in Skaneateles, N. Y., Aug. 2, 1822; married, May 31, 1855, Mary A., baptized Aug. 23, 1823, daughter of Rufus and Sibyl (Johnson) Foster of Fitzwilliam. Mr. Watson came from Ohio to Troy in the fall of 1865, and purchased the Jonas Bemis place on West Hill, where he resided until his death, July 16, 1885. He served in the War of the Rebellion in the Fifth Independent Company of Ohio Sharpshooters and attained the rank of captain. Mr.

Watson was an enterprising and successful farmer, and respected citizen, serving the town as selectmen several



WILLIAM N. WATSON.

terms and represented the town in the legislature. His widow resides in East Templeton, Mass. Children born in Berea, Ohio.

- I. MARY ELLA, born Oct. 20, 1856; married George H. Farr; resides in Worcester. One child, *William Henry Farr*, born Oct. 20, 1885.
- II. MAGGIE BELLE, born Dec. 29, 1858; married, April 26, 1882, George E. Smith; resides in East Templeton, Mass. Children born, I to II, in Troy, III, in Gardner, IV to VI, in East Templeton. Children: 1. *George Perley Smith*, born Feb. 14, 1883; 2. *Harley Newton Smith*, born Oct. 29, 1884; 3. *Daniel Herbert Smith*, born Jan. 24, 1886; 4. *Maggie Idella Smith*, born Feb. 23, 1888; died May

7, 1889; 5. *Ina Mabel Smith*, born June 12, 1889; died Feb. 6, 1890; 6. *Burton Ray Smith*, born Sept. 13, 1894.

WILLIAM WARD of Barre, Mass., married, March 20, 1844, Sarah L., daughter of Noah Porter, and lived on the "Ward place," so called, near the new cemetery, and now owned by C. D. Farrar. He died April 20, 1870, aged sixty years. His widow married, 2d, May 2, 1879, Alvan W. Lewis of Leominster, Mass.

- I. CHARLES F., born —; died 1852.
- II. GEORGE L., born 1846; married, Feb. 25, 1866, Mary A. Sullivan.
- III. MARY MARIA.
- IV. HATTIE EMMA, born May 3, 1850; married John Kendall.
- V. HENRY NOAH, born April 5, 1854; married, March 27, 1876, Hannah E. Sullivan. One child, *James Henry*, born Oct. 19, 1886.
- VI. CHARLES FRANCIS, born June 7, 1859; married, —, 1881, Flora F. Abbott. Children: 1. *Elmer W.*, born Feb. 24, 1882; 2. *Nellie May*, born March 12, 1888.
- VII. FREDERICK E., born Sept. 4, 1864; died.
- VIII. ELMER EUGENE, born April 7, 1867; married, 1st, Sept. 28, 1892, Eva M., daughter of Ozro J. and Lucy M. (Kendall) Hale, who died March 18, 1893, and he married, 2d, 1895, Minnie B. Byam, of Fitzwilliam. One child, *Eva Hale*, born March 4, 1893.

REUBEN WARD, son of Phineas and Mary Ward, born in Marlborough, Mass., Dec. 28, 1746; married, June 13, 1771, Sarah Kendall; died Jan. 8, 1800.

- I. SALLY, born Jan. 30, 1772; married John Joy; removed to Glover, Vermont.
- II. ABIGAIL, born Nov. 9, 1773; married Simon Piper; removed to Maine.
- III. REUBEN, born Dec. 9, 1775; married, June 3, 1804, Rebecca, daughter of Samuel Coolidge of Marlborough; died June 2, 1808.
- IV. ELIZABETH, born July 10, 1777; married Jonas Robinson.
- V. JOHN, born May 25, 1779; died in Troy, of hydrophobia.
- VI. DANIEL, born June 21, 1781; married, Dec. 13, 1802, Lois Whitney of Winchendon; removed to Leroy, N. Y.
- VII. LUCY, born April 12, 1784; married, March, 1805, Timothy Thompson of Swanzev.
- VIII. LEVI, born Jan. 7, 1788; married, Sept. 20, 1809, Nancy Whitney of Winchendon; removed to Covington, N. H.
- IX. PATTY, born April 17, 1790, was scalded to death by boiled cider, Nov. 4, 1795. In order to perpetuate the memory of this event, the following verse was placed upon her gravestone, which stands in the old Center burying ground in Marlborough.



" By boiling cyder she was slain,  
Whilst less than six of age,  
Then her exquisite, racking pain  
Removed her from the stage.  
But her immortal spirit went  
To the Almighty King,  
Where all the godly ones are sent,  
The praise of God to sing."

- x. NANCY, born Nov. 25, 1793; married Amos Fife of Boston.
- xi. CALVIN, born May 4, 1798; married Thankful Smith; removed to Leroy, N. Y.

WHEELER. Thomas Wheeler was born in Concord, Mass., in 1640, and in 1675 accompanied Capt. Hutchinson, himself then a captain with about twenty men, to Quaboag, now Brookfield, Mass., to treat with the Indians. They were drawn into an ambush by the perfidious savages, and eight of their number killed. Capt. Hutchinson was mortally wounded, and died soon after. Capt. Wheeler was severely wounded, had his horse shot under him, and, when near being despatched by the enemy, was rescued by his son Thomas, he also being wounded, who placed his father upon a horse whose rider was slain, and both succeeded by flight in saving their lives. Capt. Wheeler died the following year. His son Thomas, whose wife was Hannah —, had John born in Concord, 1661, but soon settled in Marlborough, Mass. John married, June 25, 1664, Elizabeth Wells; he died 1721. Their son Joseph, born April 19, 1700, married, 1st, Jan. 16, 1718, Elizabeth Holloway, who died; and he married, 2d, March 17, 1730, Deborah Whitney; he died April 23, 1772.

DAVID WHEELER, son of Joseph and Deborah (Whitney) Wheeler, born in Marlborough, Mass., Dec. 8, 1744; married, 1st, about 1775, Rebecca Hoar. Mrs. Wheeler died Sept. 11, 1803; and he married, 2d, Nov. 14, 1804, Mrs. Martha Perry, widow of Dr. Justus Perry. Mr. Wheeler died Oct. 6, 1813; his widow died May 19, 1825.

- i. DAVID, born June 16, 1776; was a physician; settled in New Jersey.
- ii. PHEBE, born Nov. 6, 1777; married, Oct. 2, 1798, Abel Brigham of Jaffrey; settled in New York.
- iii. DOLLY, born Sept. 2, 1779; married John Cheever.



- IV. JOSIAH, born Feb. 5, 1781; married Nancy Haskell; died on the home farm.
- V. REBECCA, born April 18, 1782; married Solomon Rice of Fitzwilliam.
- VI. EUNICE, born June 19, 1783; married Jeremiah Frost.
- VII. SALLY, born Feb. 26, 1785; married Jonathan Frost.
- VIII. LUCY, born May 7, 1787; married Joseph Frost.
- IX. JOSEPH, born Dec. 7, 1788; married — Wilder; removed to Utica, New York.
- X. JONATHAN, born April 28, 1791; removed to Newton, Mass.
- XI. CHARLOTTE, born Nov. 18, 1792; married Rufus Smith.
- XII. BILLY, born May 24, 1794; died Nov. 30, 1812.
- XIII. JOHN, born April 30, 1796; died May 8, 1796.
- XIV. CURTIS, born July 17, 1797.
- XV. ROXANNA, born Aug. 24, 1799; married Jeremiah Wilkins.
- XVI. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, born Sept. 9, 1805; married Mary Evans; died in Keene, September, 1872.
- XVII. SUMNER, born March 8, 1807; married, May 15, 1832, Catherine Vose of Boston.
- XVIII. QUINCY, born March 17, 1809; died in Keene, Jan. 13, 1839.
- XIX. VIRGIL, baptized, June 23, 1811; died Oct. 10, 1813.

SILAS WHEELER came from Holden, Mass., to Fitzwilliam about the year 1800. In 1806, he moved to Marlborough, living on the place now owned by Gregory Lawrence. He moved to Swanzey in 1832. He married, Aug. 12, 1789, Persis, daughter of James Brewer.

- I. SILAS, born April 17, 1790; died young.
- II. PERSIS, born Sept. 30, 1791.
- III. JAMES, born July 26, 1794.
- IV. SILAS, born Dec. 25, 1796.
- V. VASHTI, born March 29, 1802.
- VI. ASA, born June 12, 1805.
- VII. AARON, born April 3, 1807.
- VIII. SIMON, born March 16, 1810.

NATHAN WHEELER, possibly a brother of Silas, came from Holden, Mass., in 1798. He died 1836.

- I. POLLY, married Reuben Newell.
- II. ADELIA, married Nathan Newell.
- III. JONATHAN, married Lucy Whipple; settled in Fitchburg.
- IV. ELIZA, married, 1st, Elnathan Gorham. He died 1821, and she married, 2d, Moses Hayden, who died in 1851, and she married, 3d, John Lawrence.
- V. CLARISSA, died aged 36.
- VI. NATHAN.

STEPHEN WHEELER was born in Boxborough, Mass., Sept. 5, 1786; married, 1808, Polly Wright of Fitzwilliam,

who was born Jan. 30, 1788. He resided in his native town, with the exception of two years, during which he was in Troy, N. Y., until he came to this town. In March, 1827, he bought the hotel built by Josiah Morse, and about seventy acres of land adjoining, and commenced keeping a public house. Soon after opening the public house he commenced trade in the old Chapman house, and engaged in the staging business also, carrying on at the same time, the public house, trade in the store, staging and farming. He built a house and store south and adjoining the hotel, the Jacob Boyce house and other buildings in the vicinity. He removed to Momence, Ills., in January, 1855, where he died Jan. 15, 1861; his widow died Oct. 7, 1862.

- I. STEPHEN, born Sept. 1, 1809; married, Dec. 10, 1829, Harriet Gorham; died in Richmond, July 19, 1838.
- II. MARY, born Feb. 26, 1812; married Brown Nurse; died.
- III. LUCY, born Jan. 22, 1814; married David Wilder; died July 14, 1842, at Manchester.
- IV. CATHERINE, born June 22, 1816; married Timothy Kendall.
- V. HANNAH, born March 17, 1819; married David W. Farrar; resides in Troy.
- VI. HARRIET, born July 3, 1821; died March 26, 1823.
- VII. ABBY T., born Jan. 22, 1824; married David Frost.
- VIII. EPHRAIM, born April 23, 1826; married, Aug. 29, 1842, Louisa A. Nutting. Resides in Momence, Ills.
- IX. NANCY, born March 7, 1829; married George P. Makinstry.
- X. DAVID, born July 24, 1832; married, Oct. 12, 1856, Maria, daughter of Joseph Haskell; died in Momence, Ills., Sept. 2, 1865. His widow married, 2d, Edwin Buttrick. One child, *Walter H.*, born Dec. 13, 1862.

SAMPSON WHEELER, a brother of Stephen, married, Feb. 18, 1841, Miranda, daughter of Reuben Newell, and commenced keeping the public house in the village. Afterwards he resided on the Flint place, but later purchased the Stillman Newell place, where Elijah H. Adams now lives. He died Aug. 29, 1876; his widow died Aug. 2, 1881, aged 74.

- I. ALVIN.

JOHN WHEELER was the son of Preston Wheeler, and was born in Westmoreland, in 1812; married, 1st, August, 1841, Roxana Clark of Clarendon, Vt., who died Feb.

6, 1867, aged 47; married, 2d, Mrs. — —. He died Jan. 13, 1892.

I. JOHN HARRIS, born July 1, 1851.

WALTER H. WHEELER, son of David, born Dec. 13, 1862; married, Sept. 9, 1883, Mary G., daughter of Harvey S. and Adeline B. (Read) Gates.

I. BLANCHE, born July 25, 1884.

II. GLADYS MAY, born Aug. 19, 1894.

JONATHAN WHIPPLE, a carpenter by trade, was said to have been in town previous to 1777. He removed to Concord, Vt., in 1804, and died March, 1839, aged 87; his wife died January, 1830.

I. EDWARDS, born Nov. 6, 1777; was a carpenter by trade.

II. EDMUND RICE, born March 19, 1779.

III. HANNAH, born April 22, 1780; married, July 17, 1803, Josiah Rogers.

IV. JOEL GREEN, born Dec. 2, 1781; removed to Vermont.

V. SARAH, born July 27, 1783; married — Walker.

VI. RIZPAH, born March 13, 1785.

VII. LUCY, born May 15, 1787.

VIII. JONATHAN, born July 23, 1789.

ZOPHER WHITCOMB was born in Framingham, Mass., in 1781. He married, May 7, 1797, Mehitable, daughter of William and Mehitable (Jones) Tenney, who died 1832; he died 1847.

I. ASA, removed to Vermont.

II. ABIGAIL, died aged 30.

III. WILLIAM, born Feb. 20, 1801.

IV. ELIZA, married Nathaniel Parker; died June 28, 1848.

V. LUKE, died 1838.

VI. NANCY, married Nathaniel Parker; died Sept. 6, 1882.

WILLIAM WHITCOMB, son of Zopher, born Feb. 20, 1801; married, July 18, 1821, Clarissa, daughter of Edmund Bemis, and resided one year on the Josiah Wheeler farm. In 1822, he moved to the Simon Butler place, and lived there until 1824, and then rented the Jotham H. Holt place. In 1826, he went to Londonderry, Vt., where he resided until 1829, when he returned to Troy and bought the Newell farm of Russell Waters. He died Jan. 8, 1860; his wife died July 8, 1876.

I. ELLIOT, born Aug. 19, 1822; married, April, 1851, Elizabeth P. Darling of Jaffrey; died Aug. 30, 1879. One child, *Fred E.*, born

May 25, 1865; married, Dec. 24, 1889, Susie E., daughter of Elijah H. and Luthera P. (Howes) Adams. In 1895, he built a house on a lot purchased of A. G. Lawrence.

- II. LUTHER, born July 31, 1824; married, 1st, February, 1849, Lucy Ann May of Winchendon, who died Jan. 25, 1851; married, 2d, January, 1853, Caroline Wright. He died Oct. 24, 1854.
- III. ELSINA, born Dec. 25, 1830; died Oct. 18, 1839.
- IV. CHARLES, born July 7, 1833; died Nov. 17, 1855.
- V. FRANKLIN, born Dec. 19, 1836.

FRANKLIN WHITCOMB, son of William, born Dec. 19, 1836; married, June 6, 1860, Eliza P., daughter of Oren and Julia A. (Wright) Brooks of Fitzwilliam, born April 1, 1839.

- I. CHARLES, born May 5, 1861; married, Nov. 23, 1881, Lulu L., daughter of Henry Grimes. Children: 1. *Mary Alice*, born Dec. 2, 1883; 2. *Julia Eliza*, born July 19, 1885; 3. *William Franklin*, born Nov. 8, 1887; 4. *Luther Elliot*, born March 29, 1890; 5. *Vera R.*, born Jan. 5, 1895.
- II. ETTA, born Jan. 27, 1865; married Alonzo B. Abbott.
- III. MARY, born June 10, 1867; died Aug. 15, 1869.
- IV. KATIE, born July 2, 1875; died March 31, 1878.
- V. GRACE ELLIOT, born Aug. 3, 1880.

JACOB WHITCOMB, son of Jacob, of Richmond, married Samantha, daughter of William Chase, and lived in Richmond until his death, which occurred Nov. 29, 1855, aged 42. His widow resides in Troy.

- I. SARAH E., born June 10, 1837.
- II. JANE E., born Aug. 29, 1839.
- III. JOHN A., born Jan. 9, 1843; died April 8, 1844.
- IV. JUDITH A., born March 25, 1845.
- V. OLIVER P., born Nov. 10, 1847.

OLIVER P. WHITCOMB, son of Jacob, married, Nov. 18, 1867, Ellen, daughter of Nathan and Nancy (Whitcomb) Parker. Has lived on the Dea. Abel Baker farm for several years.

- I. FRANK ALBERT, born Aug. 13, 1868; married, Oct. 2, 1891, Mary E. Campbell of Sudbury, Mass., born Aug. 27, 1875. One child, *Frank Earle*, born Sept. 15, 1894.
- II. NETTIE ISABEL, born Nov. 25, 1875.
- III. EMMA JUDITH, born Nov. 5, 1877; married, July 22, 1896, Henry J. Brown.
- IV. JENNIE ESTELLA, born Nov. 10, 1880.
- V. JAMES EDWIN, born Oct. 5, 1888.



EZEKIEL WHITE came from Douglas, Mass., quite early, but the precise date is not known, probably about 1782. He married Ruth Cree of Douglas. He settled on the farm which has been mentioned as the residence of Timothy Godding. His wife died April 12, 1790. Children probably all born in Douglas. The list here given may not be complete. The father and mother both died on the Godding farm.

- I. SARAH, married and died in Keene.
- II. STEPHEN, born about 1760; married Molly —; died June 12, 1841, aged 80 years.
- III. DAVID, born about 1763; married Esther Bruce and settled on the Porter White place; after living there some years he bought the Reuben Nurse farm where he resided until after the death of his wife, when he went to Vermont.
- IV. EZEKIEL, married, Sept. 28, 1791, Alice, probably daughter of Oliver Ormsby of Richmond; removed to Vermont.
- V. DANIEL, married, April 23, 1795, Patty Crane; removed to Vermont.
- VI. HOSEA, left town about 1794; resided in Mount Holly, Vt.
- VII. LYDIA, married, June 14, 1791, Samuel Stickney; removed to Vermont.
- VIII. HANNAH, married — Tobey, and died in Burlington, Vt.

WILLARD WHITE was the tenth child of Stephen White; married, Nov. 18, 1835, Mary Chase of Richmond, born Feb. 11, 1820. Was for several years, in the early fifties, an engineer on the Cheshire railroad. He died July 12, 1894, aged 83.

PORTER WHITE was a native of Warren, Mass., born Jan. 21, 1795; at the age of twelve years moved to Petersham with his parents, where he resided seven years, then moved to Alstead. He married, 1st, June 3, 1813, Betsey Pratt, who died Dec. 3, 1831; married, 2d, 1850, Lois Goodale and became a resident of Troy. He died Feb. 20, 1875.

WHITTEMORE. Thomas Whittemore of Charlestown, Mass., is generally looked upon as the emigrant ancestor of the entire Whittemore family in the United States. While this has not been positively proved, and perhaps cannot be, it is yet extremely probable. It is certain that no other emigrant ancestor bearing the name has been



discovered, though quite extended investigations have been made by various persons in different branches of the family for the express purpose of looking up the family pedigree. Thomas, the emigrant, was from Hitchin, in the county of Hertford, England, about thirty miles north of London. From the parish record of the town, it is understood that his grandfather was William Whittemore; his father, Thomas, and his mother, Mary. William was born about 1540, and married in 1566. Thomas and Mary were married in 1591. She died in December, 1604, and he in April, 1617. Thomas was one of the earliest settlers in Charlestown, and located in that part which was subsequently in Malden, and is now a part of Everett. His son John was baptized in Hitchin, Feb. 11, 1639, and in 1645 he bought a piece of meadow adjoining his farm in Charlestown, which shows that he came to this country between the dates given. It is probable that he came over in 1640 or 1641. He was married three times, and had one child by his first wife, two by the second wife, and ten by the third wife. Of the children, i, Sarah; ii, Mary; iii, Thomas; iv, Daniel; v, John, died young; vi, Nathaniel; vii, John, were born in Hitchin; and viii, Elizabeth; ix, Benjamin; x, Thomas; xi, Samuel; xii, Pelatiah; xiii, Abraham, were born in Charlestown. Thomas, the father, died in Charlestown (Malden), May 25, 1661. We see in this family the uncommon circumstance of two persons bearing the same name and alive at the same time. By the terms of Thomas Whittemore's will, dated May 5, 1613, the two sons named Thomas were both living, one in England and one in this country. It will be noticed that the older Thomas was by the second wife, and the younger one by the third wife. The homestead remained in possession of the family until May 1, 1845, over two hundred years.

John, son of Thomas, baptized in Hitchin, Feb. 11,

1639; died in Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 8, 1694; married, 1st, Mary, daughter of Dea. John and Elizabeth Upham, and had children, i, John; ii, Thomas; iii, Joseph; iv, Benjamin; v, Elizabeth; vi, Nathaniel; vii, Joel, died young; married, 2d, Mary Miller, by whom he had children, viii, Joel; ix, Mary, died young; x, Pelatiah; xi, Amos; xii, Mary; xiii, Daniel; xiv, Rebecca; xv, Hannah.

John, son of John, born 1662; owned covenant, April 4, 1687; died in Cambridge, April 16, 1702; married, 1st, Elizabeth Anabel, by whom he had i, John; she died Oct. 27, 1686, and he married, 2d, Sarah Hall, by whom he had children, ii, Jonathan; iii, Richard; iv, Joseph; v, Sarah; vi, Experience, died young; vii, Thomas; viii, Experience; ix, Jonathan; x, Abigail; xi, Anna; xii, Josiah.

John, son of John, born Feb. 23, 1685; died April 21, 1748, in Boston, Mass.; a mariner; married, Nov. 8, 1711, Elizabeth Lloyd, who died Aug. 13, 1746, aged 57 years. Their children were, i, John, baptized May 16, 1714; ii, Elizabeth; iii, Edward; iv, Sarah.

John, son of John, baptized in the Second church, Boston, May 16, 1764; married, June 3, 1742, Lydia Clough, who died Jan. 15, 1750, aged 31 years. One child, William, born about 1744; resided in Lynn, Mass., where he died June 5, 1782; married, April 30, 1767, Bethia Collins; died March 29, 1809. They had one child, William, born Feb. 17, 1768; married, Nov. 17, 1791, Anna Burrill. They had children, i, William, born June 26, 1792; ii, John; iii, Josiah.

Josiah, son of John, born 1748 or 1749 in Boston; died April 11, 1814, in Phillipston, Mass., aged 65 years; married, 1st, Aug. 9, 1773, Lucy, daughter of John and — (Clough) Snow of Lunenburg, Mass.; married, 2d, Martha (Parkhurst) Rider. He had by first wife, i, William; ii, John; iii, Salmon; iv, Mary; v, Lucy; vi, Josiah;

vii, Levi; viii, Cephas; ix, Otis; x, Betsey; by second wife, xi, Cephas; xii, Zenas; xiii, Martha; xiv, Sylvanus.

**SALMON WHITTEMORE**, son of Josiah, born July 17, 1778, in Lunenburg, Mass.; married, Aug. 28, 1805, Lydia, born June 18, 1784, daughter of Hezekiah and Mary Wheeler of Acton, Mass. He resided for a time in Royalston, but in 1812 came here and bought the farm since owned by Alvah S. Clark. Levi Haskell had owned the farm some years previous, but at this time he sold to Whittemore and moved to Fitzwilliam. Mr. Whittemore lived there one year, then bought the Capt. Godfrey house and moved to the village. He had learned the clothiers' trade, and April 1, 1815, bought of Jonathan Wood of Fitzwilliam, the fulling mill built by Thomas Benney, paying \$1600, but the mill was old and the timbers so decayed that the following year he took the mill down and built a new one. Mr. Whittemore is said to have been a skilful workman, and that he was much esteemed by his fellow-citizens is evident from the various offices to which he was promoted by their suffrages. He died May 6, 1826.

- I. MARY W., born Oct. 11, 1806; died Oct. 14, 1831.
- II. SARAH S., born June 28, 1808; died Jan. 21, 1832.
- III. ABIGAIL F., born Oct. 3, 1809; died Feb. 27, 1814.
- IV. LYDIA LOUISA, born Sept. 20, 1811; married, Dec. 20, 1832, William S. Hutchins, born Dec. 16, 1809; died Nov. 1, 1856, in Keene; son of Elisha and Sarah of Winchester, N. H. Mrs. Hutchins resides in Monticello, Iowa. Children born, 1-3 in Troy, 4 in Keene. Children: 1. *George William Hutchins*, born July 9, 1838; died Feb. 18, 1842; 2. *Mary Louisa Hutchins*, born July 27, 1840; died March 4, 1859; 3. *Helen Eliza Hutchins*, born Jan. 2, 1844; died Aug. 21, 1856; 4. *Martha Sophia Hutchins*, born Jan. 8, 1847; married, April 14, 1870, Douglass H. Smith, born Feb. 17, 1843, son of Henry D. and Harriet (Campbell) of Bowens Prairie, Ia. Four children. Resides in Monticello, Ia.
- V. CYRUS, born March 9, 1813; married, March 23, 1836, Mary D., born April 21, 1817, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Lewis) Richardson of Greenfield, N. H. Seven children. Resides in Aurora, Neb.
- VI. Son, born and died March 13, 1816.
- VII. ELIJAH N., born April 27, 1817; died March 6, 1842.
- VIII. ABIGAIL N., born May 29, 1820; married Samuel Griffin Whitney; died Feb. 18, 1894.

- IX. GEORGE, born Aug. 13, 1822; married, June 18, 1844, Emily, born June 11, 1820, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Babbitt) Barker of Westmoreland, N. H. Resides in Milford, Mass. Children born, 1-4 in Keene, 5-8 in Milford: 1. *Frederick Benjamin*, born July 20, 1845; died April 20, 1850; 2. *Sarah Eliza*, born March 9, 1847; died April 17, 1883, in West Springfield, Mass.; married, Nov. 22, 1876, Rev. Julius B. Robinson, a Baptist clergyman; 3. *Abby Ann*, born April 5, 1849; died May 30, 1852; 4. *Charles Frederick*, born May 2, 1851; died Jan. 21, 1853; 5. *George Harrison*, born Oct. 17, 1853; 6. *Anna Mabel*, born Sept. 3, 1856; died Feb. 13, 1858; 7. *Jennie Carpenter*, born Dec. 15, 1858; died Jan. 11, 1860; 8. *Arby Clifford*, born March 31, 1861.
- X. SALMON, born June 29, 1826; died Nov. 20, 1826.

LEVI WHITTEMORE was born in Templeton, Mass., June 12, 1786; married, May 1, 1811, Polly, born Nov. 1, 1790, daughter of Jonathan and Susan (Tenney) Blodgett, then of Marlborough. He resided in Marlborough and Jaffrey, coming to Troy about 1821, and after changing locations several times finally located upon the farm afterwards owned by his son, Luther, where he died Feb. 8, 1847, and his wife died Jan. 31, 1858. Children born, I, III and IV in Marlborough; II in Templeton, Mass.; V in Jaffrey; VI-XII in Troy.

- I. MARY ANN, born Nov. 13, 1811; married, April 10, 1832, Lockhart Willard Brockway, born March 24, 1805, son of John and Clarissa; died April 7, 1846. They had seven children, of whom the second, *Clara Ann*, married Lyman W. Bowker. Resides in Hinsdale.
- II. MARIA, born Aug. 30, 1813; died March 20, 1888.
- III. LEVI, born Nov. 14, 1815.
- IV. LUTHER, born Sept. 17, 1817.
- V. ROANCY, born Feb. 6, 1820; married, Jan. 13, 1854, Sylvester Drury of Fitzwilliam.
- VI. JOHN, born Nov. 13, 1822; married, 1st, Nov. 18, 1845, Lucy R., born June 22, 1827; died Dec. 5, 1860; daughter of Simon and Lucy (Fitch) Grey; married, 2d, Dec. 13, 1864, Mary Ann, born May 29, 1830, daughter of Anthony and Catherine (Hawkes) Phelps; resides in Templeton.
- VII. SUSAN, born Sept. 27, 1824; married, Sept. 27, 1848, Thomas Perry of Fitzwilliam.
- VIII. MARTHA, born March 27, 1826; died Dec. 8, 1832.
- IX. CAROLINE MATILDA, born Feb. 25, 1828; married Elbridge Coolidge; died June 8, 1888.



- x. SARAH MALVINA, born May 30, 1830; married Elbridge Coolidge; died Feb. 7, 1859.
  - xi. CYRUS SNOW, born Aug. 20, 1832; married, Oct. 20, 1853, Eliza Ann W., born Jan. 6, 1833, daughter of William and Sarah E. (Hiscock) Lawrence of Marlborough; resides in Mansfield, Mass. Children: 1. *Addie Eliza*, born Feb. 26, 1858, in Troy; 2. *Effie Lawrence*, born Jan. 12, 1870, in Fitchburg.
  - xii. LUCY ANN, born March 30, 1835; died.
- LUTHER WHITTEMORE, son of Levi, born Sept. 17, 1817; married, Dec. 31, 1846, Abby G., daughter of Easman



LUTHER WHITTEMORE.

and Lucy (Garfield) Alexander; died Dec. 5, 1890. His wife died March 26, 1890. He settled on the home farm, dividing his time between work upon the farm



and his trade as a stone mason. Failing health compelled him to give up farm labor, and a few years before his death he purchased a place in the village, to which he moved and where he died.

- I. CURTIS A., born Nov. 6, 1844; died at Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 11, 1867.

LEVI WHITTEMORE, son of Levi, born Nov. 14, 1815; married, 1st, April 15, 1841, Lucy Ann, daughter of Easman and Lucy (Garfield) Alexander; she died Aug. 10, 1841; married, 2d, Feb. 23, 1844, Mary M., born May 15, 1819, daughter of Martin and Hannah (Woodward) Rockwood; died Feb. 7, 1864. In 1846 he bought the Caleb Winch farm, upon which he resided till 1857, after which he resided in the village until his death, where he worked as a stone mason.

- I. EMMA MARIA, born Dec. 11, 1845.

- II. HENRY MARTIN, born May 30, 1849; married, 1st, Nov. 6, 1877, Sarah L., born June 8, 1850; died Sept. 11, 1878, daughter of Horatio and Sarah (Bemis) Lewis of Whitefield, N. H.; married, 2d, Oct. 25, 1882, Jennie G., daughter of Earl and Eliza W. (Gorham) Clark. Was engaged for several years in the manufacture of pails and buckets at Bowkerville, in the firm of Coolidge & Whittemore till 1894, when he purchased Mr. Coolidge's interest. Children: 1. *Caspar Martin*, born May 26, 1885; 2. *Earle Clark*, born Nov. 24, 1889.

JOHN WHITNEY was born in Dunstable, Mass., April 15, 1745; married, at Westminster, Mass., February, 1781, Mary Jones, born, Framingham, Mass., 1757; died April 19, 1836. He was a descendant of John Whitney, a Puritan emigrant, who settled in Watertown, Mass., in June, 1635. He was the son of John Whitney of Dunstable, and with a brother, Jonathan, came here about 1780 and purchased a tract of land near where Nahum Green now resides. He resided on his farm until his death, Nov. 3, 1829. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill, in Capt. Whitcomb's company, of Col. James Reed's regiment. In 1776, in Capt. Abijah Smith's company for New York, mustered Sept. 21. He was one of the men returned for Fitzwilliam for three years of the war. In 1777 he marched to reënforce the garrison at Ticonderoga, on the alarm, in

Capt. John Mellen's company. Was for a time in Col. Timothy Bigelow's regiment for Worcester, Mass.

- I. NATHAN, born June 18, 1781; died in 1811, in Sherburne, Vt., of spotted fever.
- II. MARY, born March 2, 1783; married, Feb. 16, 1812, Luke Harris; died Sept. 19, 1816.
- III. LUCY, born Jan. 22, 1785; died May 18, 1794.
- IV. SALLY, born May 30, 1787; married George Farrar; died.
- V. JOHN, born Dec. 10, 1789; married Mrs. Augusta (Fisk) Brooks.
- VI. BETSEY, born July 12, 1792; married Luke Harris.
- VII. SOPHIA, born Jan. 20, 1795; married Eseck Dexter; died in 1866.
- VIII. LUKE, born Dec. 25, 1798; married Louisa White.

JONATHAN WHITNEY, a brother of John, was born in Dunstable, Mass., Aug. 15, 1745; married, (the first marriage recorded in Fitzwilliam), May 7, 1772, Abigail, born April 26, 1749, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Adams) Hemenway. About 1810, he disposed of his interest to one Sanford, and moved to Hartland, Vt.

- I. JAMES, born Nov. 3, 1772; he married, went west and died.
- II. JOSEPH, born June 7, 1774; married Sophia Oliver.
- III. FRANCIS, born Sept. 17, 1776; died June 1, 1842, and left two daughters; one is Mrs. Abigail Collins; resides in Lisbon, N. Y.
- IV. BENJAMIN, born April 6, 1781; he was killed when a young man; was at work on a railroad, blasting rock, and killed by a piece from the blast.
- V. JONATHAN, born April 6, 1783; married Miranda Marvin.
- VI. CHARLES, born June 17, 1786; he had three sons and three daughters; one, James, resides in Bristol, Vt., and Charles, resides in Brookfield, Vt.
- VII. CALVIN, born May 25, 1788; married Eliza Everton.
- VIII. HAYNES, born December, 1789; married Jane Robinson.

CHARLES W. WHITNEY was the son of Isaiah Whitney, and was born in Rindge, Nov. 15, 1791; married, Nov. 10, 1818, Mary, daughter of Dea. Samuel and Hannah (Bowker) Griffin, born Aug. 16, 1793; died Aug. 27, 1861; he died Oct. 31, 1861.

- I. SAMUEL GRIFFIN, born Sept. 20, 1819.
- II. CHARLES, born July 27, 1824; died July 10, 1827.
- III. HENRY N., born Oct. 5, 1825; died Feb. 17, 1827.
- IV. CHARLES WHITMAN, born Nov. 26, 1827.
- V. MARY J., born Aug. 13, 1830; married, Dec. 18, 1856, Samuel A. Richardson, M. D., born in Dublin, N. H., Dec. 23, 1830; died in Marlborough. He settled in Marlborough as a physician in 1855. His skill and good judgment were soon recognized, and he was

called to practice more or less in all the adjoining towns. In September, 1862, he was appointed assistant surgeon of the Thirteenth Regiment, N. H. V., and in April, 1863, surgeon. One child, *Mary Belle*, born April 12, 1861; died Dec. 16, 1872.

SAMUEL G. WHITNEY, son of Charles W., born Sept. 20, 1819; married, May 24, 1842, Abbie N., daughter of Salmon and Lydia (Wheeler) Whittemore, born May 29, 1820; died in Monticello, Iowa, Feb. 25, 1894. He located in the house then owned by Mrs. Lydia Whittemore, and engaged in trade a short time in company with David Frost, afterwards built the store now owned by E. P. Kimball, and traded in this until 1846, when he became a clerk in the store of David W. Farrar, where he remained until 1858, when he went west, and for many years was a farmer in Iowa; resides in Monticello, Iowa.

- I. SARAH A., born April 7, 1843; died April 11, 1858.
- II. CHARLES H., born Sept. 30, 1845; died June 20, 1863. He was a soldier in the Rebellion, serving in the Thirty-first Regiment of Iowa Vols., and died from disease contracted in the service.
- III. GEORGE S., born Oct. 16, 1847; married, Oct. 17, 1869, Celia C. Hines; resides in Sylvania, Ohio. Has four children.
- IV. WILLIAM H., born July 9, 1850; married, Sept. 17, 1876, Lucy L. McAllaster; died July 9, 1877. Resided in Edgewater, Ills.
- V. LEMUEL P., born Aug. 23, 1851; died Oct. 29, 1872.
- VI. EDWARD G., born Aug. 17, 1856; died Aug. 31, 1857.
- VII. MARY A., born Feb. 10, 1860; died Sept. 16, 1866.

CHARLES W. WHITNEY, son of Dr. Charles W. and Mary (Griffin) Whitney, was born in Troy, Nov. 27, 1827. His boyhood and youth were spent in attendance upon the common schools of the town, and a short time at Francestown Academy. Later he entered upon the duties of a clerk in a country store, working three and one-half years for John Whittemore, and about one year for Dexter Whittemore, in the old Whittemore store at Fitzwilliam, and later worked several years for a wholesale dry goods firm in Boston. He served nine months as commissary clerk on the James River, during the War of the Rebellion, returning home in 1865. Soon after his return he purchased, in company with William G. Silsby, the stock of goods in the brick store,

of David W. Farrar, and carried on business under the name of Whitney & Silsby for some three years, when he purchased his partner's interest and also the store



CHARLES W. WHITNEY.

building of Mr. Farrar, and has been engaged in trade ever since. This store is the old Robinson stand and there has been a store upon the spot for more than one hundred years. Mr. Whitney has held numerous town offices and represented the town in 1871 and 1872, and held the office of postmaster for twenty-five years. He has always been deeply interested in all enterprises for the public good, and an earnest worker for and a liberal contributor to all such enterprises.



He has been for many years a prominent member of the various Masonic bodies, receiving his first degrees in — — and was a charter member of Monadnock



RESIDENCE OF C. W. WHITNEY.

Lodge. He was district deputy grand lecturer for the Third Masonic District in 1877 and 1878, and district deputy grand master in 1879 and 1880. Married, Sept. 2, 1850, Sarah Frances Taylor, born in Frances-town, Oct. 23, 1829.

- I. ELLA FRANCES, born September, 1858; married George F. Kimball.
- II. CORA MABEL, born May 29, 1858; married Melvin T. Stone.
- III. CHARLES W., born March 14, 1861; married, March 24, 1886, Lizzie L. Hayward; for several years was employed as a clerk in his father's store, but of late has been in the employ of the General Electric Co., Boston, Mass. One child, *Dorris Belle*, born Sept. 20, 1888.

JASON WINCH, baptized September, 1751; married Abigail —. He carried on a tanning business for a few years, but being unfortunate in his business, closed it up and left town probably before 1793.

- I. NABBY, baptized June 3, 1787; died Dec. 27, 1787.

CALEB WINCH was the son of Thomas, Jr., and was born in Framingham, Mass., Sept. 26, 1744; married Mehit-able Maynard and settled here in 1768; died in 1826.

- I. JOSEPH, born June 5, 1770.
- II. NABBE, born March 26, 1772; died July 24, 1790.



- III. BETSEY, born Feb. 21, 1774; married John Gary.
- IV. THOMAS, born Feb. 12, 1776; died Sept. 19, 1777.
- V. JOHN, born March 10, 1778; married — Gary.
- VI. HETTY, born July 8, 1779; died January, 1792.
- VII. NATHAN, born March 1, 1781; married Polly Davidson; died Aug. 28, 1851.
- VIII. CALEB, born April 24, 1783; married Lucy Farrar; died in Northfield.
- IX. EBENEZER, born Dec. 19, 1785.
- X. WILLIAM, born Aug. 14, 1788.

NATHAN WINCH, son of Nathan, born April 7, 1807; married, 1st, Oct. 20, 1833, Abigail Bucklin of Wallingford, Vt., and removed to Swanzev where he was engaged in manufacturing pails for six years. Selling his pail factory, he was for several years engaged in farming, after which he resumed the pail business. During a portion of this time he lived in Troy, but about 1852 he went to Marlborough and purchased a factory. In 1868 he sold out and returned to Swanzev, engaging in the same business; but having the misfortune to lose his pail shop by fire, he returned to Marlborough and purchased an interest in his former business, and subsequently became sole proprietor. Mrs. Winch died April 23, 1867; and he married, 2d, Dec. 12, 1867, Mrs. Nancy Winzel of Framingham, Mass., who died Jan. 28, 1872; and he married, 3d, Aug. 6, 1872, Mrs. Lucinda (Stone) Scovell of Woodstock, Vt. Children by first wife.

- I. FRANKLIN B., born in Swanzev, Aug. 17, 1833; died Sept. 17, 1849.
- II. ADELIA C., born in Swanzev, Oct. 24, 1835; died Aug. 19, 1842.
- III. DOROTHA A., born in Troy, Nov. 7, 1840; married, 1st, Jan. 1, 1864, Fred E. Ward, who died March 7, 1864; married, 2d, George Hammond of Mechanicsville, Vt.; she died July 31, 1872.
- IV. GEORGE B., born in Troy, June 12, 1843; died Sept. 25, 1849.
- V. Infant son, born August, 1848; died same day.
- VI. GEORGE F., born in Swanzev, Nov. 20, 1850; married, Nov. 6, 1873, Laura I., daughter of Gilman and Harriet (Atwood) Griffin. One child, *Abbie Amelia*, born June 12, 1877.

ASAHEL WISE, married Hannah, daughter of David White of Fitzwilliam, in 1826, and bought the house and lot which had long been occupied by Thomas Tolman. He was a native of Winchester, where he learned his trade

as a blacksmith. He was a man of considerable energy and perseverance, and took great delight in training vicious horses, and possessing great muscular strength, could hold the foot of the most powerful horse and shoe him with ease; he died in 1840.

- I. MARY ANN, married George Boutelle of Bellows Falls.
- II. LYDIA, died at an early age.

ICHABOD WOODWARD came here from Sudbury, Mass., probably before 1793, and was considered one of the best farmers in town. He was born 1734; married — Parmenter; died March 9, 1814.

- I. JOSIAH, born 1761; married Betsey Follet; died Oct. 6, 1833; resided in Swanzey.
- II. ISAAC, born 1762; married, 1st, Polly Bracket; married, 2d, Lucy Whitcomb; died Aug. 12, 1819.
- III. POLLY, married Ona Aldrich of Richmond.
- IV. ICHABOD, settled in Dummerston, Vt.

FRANKLIN WOODWARD, son of Jacob, was born in Marlborough, May 7, 1809; married, May 26, 1830, Louisa Dyer of Athol, Mass., and settled in his native town; afterwards removed to Rindge, from which town he came to Troy in 1848, and located on the Bruce farm, where he resided. His wife died Oct. 24, 1881, aged seventy-three; he died April 24, 1882.

- I. LOUISA MARIA, born Feb. 4, 1831; married Farwell Cobb.
- II. CHARLES FRANKLIN, born Jan. 14, 1833.
- III. MARY SOPHIA, born July 29, 1837; married, Oct. 28, 1857, Ambrose S. Wilder.
- IV. SARAH ABIGAIL, born Sept. 29, 1838.
- V. JAMES WARREN, born Dec. 17, 1849; married — —. Children:
  1. Leon W., born June 25, 1870; died Nov. 24, 1884;
  2. Gertrude A., born Feb. 12, 1873; married, March 9, 1889, Fred M. Murchough.

COL. LYMAN WRIGHT, born May 8, 1793; married, April 16, 1817, Betsey, born Aug. 29, 1794; died June 21, 1880; daughter of Charles and Beulah (Stone) Bowker of Fitzwilliam. He died Dec. 1, 1866. He was the son of Thomas Wright and learned the tanner and curriers' trade in Templeton and came to Troy in 1815, purchasing the Warren stand and Winch tan yard of David White and Joshua Harrington. He resided in

what was the Warren tavern, and in 1841 he covered the frame with brick walls and remodelled the inside. This is the house now owned by Thomas Birt-whistle. The store which had been attached to the north end of the tavern he also removed around to the south and made it into a dwelling house, now owned by Thomas Mitchell. In 1836 he built the saw-mill, and shortly after, the Charles Carpenter house. At that time the only road to the premises was a common foot-path; the highway by there and past the blanket mills was not laid out until 1850. He carried on the tanning



LYMAN WRIGHT.

business for several years, selling out to Francis Foster, his partner. Col. Wright was an active, enterprising man and held various offices, both civil and military, and was much esteemed by his fellow citizens.

- I. HARRIET MELLEEN, born June 8, 1821; married, Nov. 2, 1843, Edwin Hill; died Feb. 2, 1861; resided in Gardner, Mass.
- II. FAUSTINA MILES, born Feb. 12, 1823; married, Nov. 5, 1841, Leonard W. Gilmore; he died May 30, 1844, aged twenty-five years; and she married, 2d, Lorenzo V. Munroe; resides in Gardner.
- III. MELANCIA BOWKER, born April 6, 1828; married, Feb. 17, 1855, Lemuel C. Pratt; resides in Kalamazoo, Mich.
- IV. LEONARD, born June 28, 1832.

LEONARD WRIGHT, son of Lyman, born June 28, 1832; married, Oct. 23, 1855, Mary Jane, born April 9, 1835, daughter of Calvin and Deborah (Brewer) Bemis. Mr. Wright learned the tanning business of his father and

conducted the business for a short time previous to 1865, when the property was purchased by Putnam & Phelps of Leominster, Mass., who sold it to W. G. & R. M. Silsby, and Mr. Wright moved to Keene, buying



LEONARD WRIGHT,

an interest in the store of Gates & Randall, dealers in boots, shoes, hats, caps and clothing, the firm being Randall & Wright. This store was in the building now known as Wright's block. Later he formed a copartnership with Solon S. Wilkinson, the firm being Wright & Wilkinson, and dealing in boots, shoes, harnesses, trunks, etc. After six years Mr. Wilkinson withdrew from the firm, and taking the harness department,



established the business in Lamson block. Mr. Wright continued the business alone for some time, but afterwards took his son, Frank H., into partnership. The firm of F. H. Wright & Co. have been one of the largest dealers in their line in Keene, carrying on both a wholesale and retail business. He was town clerk of Troy in 1856 and councilman from ward five in Keene in 1883. He was adverse to accepting public positions, and, as a rule, declined to be a candidate for any political office. He was for many years one of the leading Republicans of his adopted city. Mr. Wright was a successful business man, being enterprising and diligent in conducting his business, and was interested in the growth and prosperity of Keene. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, entering the Lodge of the Temple in Keene in 1872, and also being a member of Cheshire R. A. Chapter and Hugh de Payens commandery of Knights Templar. He died Aug. 10, 1897.

- I. FRANK H., born Oct. 10, 1858; married, June 18, 1885, Mary E., born Jan. 27, 1860, daughter of Eli and Caroline (Cummings) Dort. Children: 1. *Bertha Carolyn*, born Aug. 1, 1886; 2. *Willard Lyman*, born Aug. 27, 1888; 3. *Mildred Dort*, born April 23, 1890.

THOMAS WRIGHT was the third son and sixth child of Joel Wright of Fitzwilliam, where he was born Aug. 28, 1796. Soon after his marriage, he settled in Jaffrey, but in 1826 he bought the Davis house in Troy, but did not move here with his family until two years later. In 1833 he sold this house to Stephen Wheeler, and with his cousin, Col. Lyman Wright, bought the Barrett farm, and divided it between them, he taking the westerly and his cousin the easterly half. Soon after this he built the brick house in which he resided until his death, and now owned by Alanson Starkey. The first service of Capt. Wright in town was in driving a line of stages from Troy to Keene. Before this, the line of stages on the third New Hampshire Turnpike had undisputed sway of all the travel from Keene to Boston, and they did not give up any part of it to



the rival line without a contest. The fare was put down to two dollars a passage, and Capt. Wright and the Branch Company proved equal to the contest and secured their share of the travel. Honesty in all business transactions procured for him the good will and



THOMAS WRIGHT.

approbation of all the citizens. He represented the town in the Legislature in 1846 and 1847, and was selectman for several years. He served the town as sexton for nearly thirty-four years, during which period he buried some four hundred people. He married, April 8, 1824, Sarah Coan of Wrentham, Mass.; died May 22, 1876; his wife died March 2, 1892.

JOEL WRIGHT, born Nov. 4, 1759; married, 1st, Tabitha —; lived for a time in Fitzwilliam, then moved to Jaffrey, and then to Troy. His wife died Aug. 13, 1828, aged 70 years, and he married, 2d, Kesiah —, who died Sept. 9, 1835, aged 70 years; married, 3d, Rispah, who died July 11, 1863, aged 83; he died in Troy, Dec. 29, 1838.

- I. LUCY, born Oct. 24, 1785; married, June 14, 1810, John Work.
- II. POLLY, born Jan. 30, 1788.
- III. JOEL, born April 6, 1790; died April 20, 1790.
- IV. TABITHA, born Sept. 12, 1791; married Joseph Fassett; died Sept. 6, 1871.
- V. JOEL, born July 7, 1793.
- VI. THOMAS, born Aug. 28, 1796.
- VII. EDWARD GARDNER, born Aug. 4, 1798.
- VIII. ALMON, born April 5, 1801; married Sarah, daughter of Hezekiah and Lydia (Cummings) Hodgkins, died.

ALMON WRIGHT, son of Joel, born April 5, 1801; married Sarah, born 1810, daughter of Hezekiah and Lydia (Cummings) Hodgkins. Mrs. Wright died May 15, 1843; he died in Sanford, Me., Aug. 10, 1884.

- I. CHARLES BROWN, born Aug. 5, 1833; married, 1st, Oct. 31, 1854, Rose Damon Perham, born July 16, 1833, of Fitzwilliam; died Feb. 22, 1870; married, 2d, Oct. 1, 1872, Mrs. Lorenzie Ann Shattuck; died Sept. 15, 1876. Children: 1. *Estella Rose*, born Feb. 25, 1856; died June 30, 1876; 2. *Charles Elwin*, born Aug. 9, 1859; resides in St. Paul, Minn.; 3. *Willard Almon*, born Aug. 29, 1861; resides in Sanford, Me.; 4. *Etta Frances*, born March 14, 1864; 5. *Hattie Maria*, born Sept. 22, 1865; 6. *Minnie Belle*, born July 4, 1868; married W. S. Garfield; 7. *George Fred*, born July 16, 1869; died Dec. 26, 1869.
- II. THOMAS, born 1828; died May 24, 1851.
- III. STEPHEN, born —; married, Dec. 17, 1863, Louisa A. Miller. Children: 1. *Arthur L.*, born Jan. 1, 1867; died Nov. 12, 1872; 2. *Ada Winfred*, born May 2, 1869; 3. *Don Adolphus*, born July 2, 1871; 4. *Elroy*, born Aug. 16, 1873; died Sept. 27, 1873; 5. *Anna E.*, born Aug. 16, 1873; died March 31, 1889.

## Additions and Corrections.

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William Barker died in 1788, according to the inscription as given on his tombstone. It is quite probable that William Barker presented his son-in-law, James Dean, with the fifty acres of land in 1784, instead of 1794, as mentioned on page 57.

David W. Goodale, born in Douglass, Mass., Dec. 28, 1847; married, July 9, 1878, Mary Lydia Reed. Children:

- I. HUBERT DANA, born in Troy, June 5, 1879.
- II. RAY COIT, born in Troy, Aug. 3, 1884.

Children of Charles J. and Ellen (Birtwhistle) Shaw.  
Page 349.

- I. WALTER JEFFERSON, born Aug. 19, 1883.
- II. EVELYN ELIZABETH, born Sept. 9, 1885; died Aug. 3, 1886.
- III. LOUIS ETHELBERT, born March 16, 1888.
- IV. FRANKLIN AKED, born Sept. 12, 1891.
- V. CHARLES LEONARD, born Sept. 4, 1896.

Children of John H. and Lillian Genevieve (Gates) Wentworth. Page 425.

- I. HAROLD ERNEST, born July 9, 1885.
- II. HELEN ADALINE, born March 3, 1887.

Silas H., son of Cyrus Fairbanks, born Dec. 7, 1819; married Catherine (Woods) Aldrich. Page 387.

- I. ARTHUR WALTER, born Aug. 24, 1857.

Children of George Fairbanks. Page 387.

- II. DELOS EUGENE, born April 3, 1861; married, Dec. 9, 1886, Lilla Florence, daughter of Lyman H. and Hannah L. (Simonds) Goodnow of Fitchburg, who was born in Worcester, Mass., March 6, 1866.
- III. JENNIE S., born March 24, 1864; married, Aug. 5, 1891, Fred W. Lynch, son of Wallace and Mary Wilson Lynch, born in New Ipswich, N. H., 1856. One child, *Juno F. Lynch*, born April 21, 1892.

Mr. Fairbanks married, 2d, Nancy Watkins, July, 1850. He married, 3d, Oct. 26, 1859, Mrs. Mariete P. (Stebbins) French, who was born in Swanzey, Oct. 25, 1827.

BENJAMIN F. FOX was born in Enfield, N. H., Nov. 12, 1803; married Hannah S. Cole, who was born in Rowley, Mass., Oct. 5, 1807. He came to Troy from Marlborough, Mass., about 1865, and purchased of John Flagg the farm where he resided until his death Jan. 23, 1889. Children born, i to v in Enfield, N. H., vi, in Manchester, and vii, in Nashua.

- I. CHARLES EDWIN, born Sept. 12, 1832.
- II. SARAH A., born May 27, 1835.
- III. ROSAMOND F., born Jan. 30, 1838.
- IV. ANNA LORETTA, born March 17, 1840; married Elbridge Coolidge.
- V. JAMES C., born Feb. 13, 1842.
- VI. ADDIE, born Nov. 3, 1848; married Christopher F. Lawson.
- VII. FRASENA M., born Dec. 25, 1849; died Aug. 25, 1851.

## ERRATA.

*Page 326. Frank W. Aldrich should read Frank A. Aldrich.*

*Page 355. Frank L. Brown, born Sept. 20, 1866.*

*Page 425. Adaline B., wife of H. S. Gates, born July 21, 1833.*

*Page 480. George F. Maddox, born June 4, 1848.*

*Page 523. Myrtie Blanche, dau. of T. W. Starkey, born Aug. 14, 1883.*

*Page 558. Ella Frances, dau. of C. W. Whitney, born Sept. 26, 1854.*

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